アフタヌーン
KC775

無限の住人

28

沙村広明

講談社

アフタヌーンKC

無限の住人

むげんのじゅうにん

9784063107753

雑誌 55726-75

ISBN978-4-06-310775-3

C9979 ¥543E（0）

1929979005436

アフタヌーンKC
講談社 定価：本体543円（税別）

沙村広明

アワヌーレイ

むげんのじゅうにん

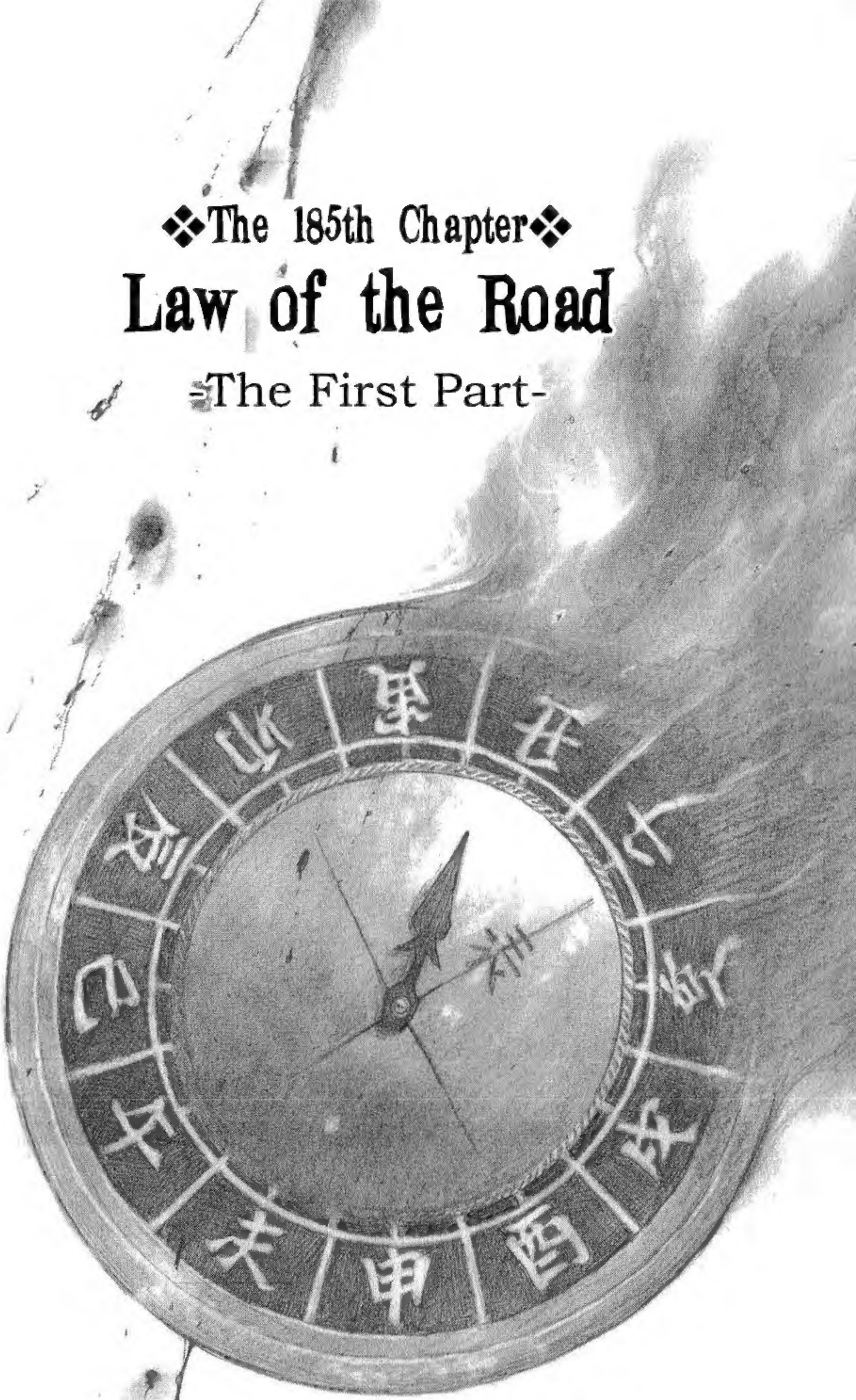
沙村広明

無限の住人

❖The 185th Chapter❖

Law of the Road

-The First Part-



CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT THE OTHERS?

YOU SOUND LIKE YOU'RE GETTING OLD, SABUROU.

SO, IT'S BEEN TEN YEARS.

BE QUIET, SOMETHING'S COMING.

...REALLY, IT'S A BIT EARLY FOR MOUNTAIN CLIMBING.

WITHOUT EVEN A CUP OF TEA, YOU...

LOOK OVER THERE.

...WHAT'S THAT SOUND?

WHERE IS HE FROM?

...KAGE-HISA.

BUT... EVEN IF IT'S ONLY A WAKIZASHI, TO THINK THAT A CHILD COULD SWING IT SO QUICKLY... TO USE CENTRIFUGAL FORCE LIKE THAT SHOWS AMAZING SKILL...

I SEE... SUCH BEAUTIFUL SWORDS-MANSHIP.

MY EYES CAN BARELY KEEP UP WITH IT.

KAGE-HISA!?

THAT KAGE-HISA!?

EVEN IF TEN YEARS HAVE PASSED, IF YOU DO THAT...

THE CHILD FROM THAT TIME!?

YOU ACT AS IF YOU'VE GOTTEN OLD ALL AT ONCE.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

ABAYAMA.

I DECIDED TO KILL KAGEHISA TODAY.

...HUH? I'M SORRY.

I THINK I MUST HAVE MISHEARD YOU...

NO, YOU HEARD ME CORRECTLY.

I'M GOING TO KILL KAGEHISA TODAY.

ABAYAMA.

KAGE-HISA...

IS PLANNING TO KILL ME AND SEIZE CONTROL OF THE ITTOU-RYUU.

I AM NOT A MAN WHO IS FOND OF JOKES.

WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER A LONG TIME... DO YOU UNDERSTAND ME?

ABAYAMA.

KAH!! WHAT AN IDIOT.

EVEN IF HE IS MY GRANDCHILD, THERE'S SOMETHING UNNATURAL ABOUT THAT BOY... HE IS...!

IT'S THE TRUTH! IF YOU KNEW ABOUT THAT CHILD, YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS NO EXAGGERATION!

HOW CAN A TEN YEAR OLD CHILD SEIZE CONTROL...!?

"THAT OLD LOSER IS IN THE WAY"... IS WHAT HE SAID.

"IF THE ITTOU-RYUU IS TO STAND IN THE SUNLIGHT AGAIN..."

"BECAUSE OF THIS PATHETIC LOSER, THE ITTOU-RYUU HAS DISGRACED ITSELF"...

HE...

REJECTS MY EXISTENCE FROM THE VERY DEPTHS OF HIS SOUL.

KAGEHISA HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH PLOTS TO KILL YOU.

NO, EVEN IF HE PRIVATELY DISAGREES WITH THE WAY YOU RUN THE ITTOU-RYUU...

EVEN IF YOU HEARD THAT, IT'S STILL RIDICU-LOUS.

NO ONE WANTS TO DIRTY THEIR HANDS WITH THEIR FAMILY'S BLOOD!

IF HE WANTS TO REORGA-NIZE THE DOJO...

OR THROW ASIDE THE SWORD AND DO SOMETHING ELSE, HE'LL BE ABLE TO DO IT AT HIS LEISURE.

THE TWO OF US WILL LIVE FOR ANOTHER TWENTY YEARS.

IN TWENTY YEARS, THAT BOY WILL STILL ONLY BE THIRTY.

I SEE... IF THE ITTOU-RYUU RETURNED TO PROMINENCE, YOU'D BE SMILING THROUGH YOUR TEARS... WOULDN'T YOU!?

...SA-BUROU...! WHATEVER I SAY, YOU...

...ABA-YAMA...

HIS FATHER DIED YOUNG OF NATURAL CAUSES! IF HE JUST LEAVES THINGS ALONE, HE HAS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT...

HE CLAIMED TO HAVE RECIEVED THE DEEP TEACHINGS OF ITTOU-RYUU AND BECAME KAGEHISA'S FOLLOWER.

HIS NAME IS KUROI SABATO.

HE CAME KNOCKING AT OUR GATE THREE YEARS AGO.

OVER THERE... THAT BIG MAN NEXT TO KAGEHISA...

PROBABLY.

TO TURN HIS BLADE AGAINST ME, THE MASTER...!

IF I TRY TO KILL KAGEHISA, HE'LL TRY TO STOP ME.

BUT, ABA-YAMA,

YOU CAN BEAT THEM!

GETTING OLD IS TERRIBLE...

I'M PROBABLY NO LONGER STRONG ENOUGH TO DEFEAT MY STUDENTS IN COMBAT... I'VE GOTTEN RUSTY.

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE.

AREN'T YOU MY ALLY?

AAA

IF YOU KEEP THEM BUSY WHILE I DO THAT...

NO... IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU WIN. WHILE I BEHEAD KAGEHISA...

ABA-YAMA.

YOU ARE...

SA-BU-ROU.

THAT'S WHAT THE MORE TALKATIVE GOSSIPS ARE SAYING...

FOR THE SAKE OF REVIVING THE DOJO, HE BOWED HIS HEAD TO THAT IRRITATING ASANO DOJO AND ACCEPTED THEIR PROTEC-TION...

MY SON... KAGEHISA'S FATHER...

THEY SAY HE DIED OF ILLNESS.

THAT'S THE RUMOR...

I'VE BEEN BETRAYED BY MY PUPILS.

MY SON BETRAYED ME AS WELL.

I... I...

THE PEOPLE WHO SHOULD HAVE BEEN MY ALLIES... THEY'VE SEVERED THEIR TIES TO ME...

I WON'T ALLOW ANYONE TO STEAL THEM AWAY!

THIS SWORD AND THAT DOJO ARE MINE. MINE...!

I WON'T ALLOW MYSELF TO BE BETRAYED BY ANYONE AGAIN!

OHH!

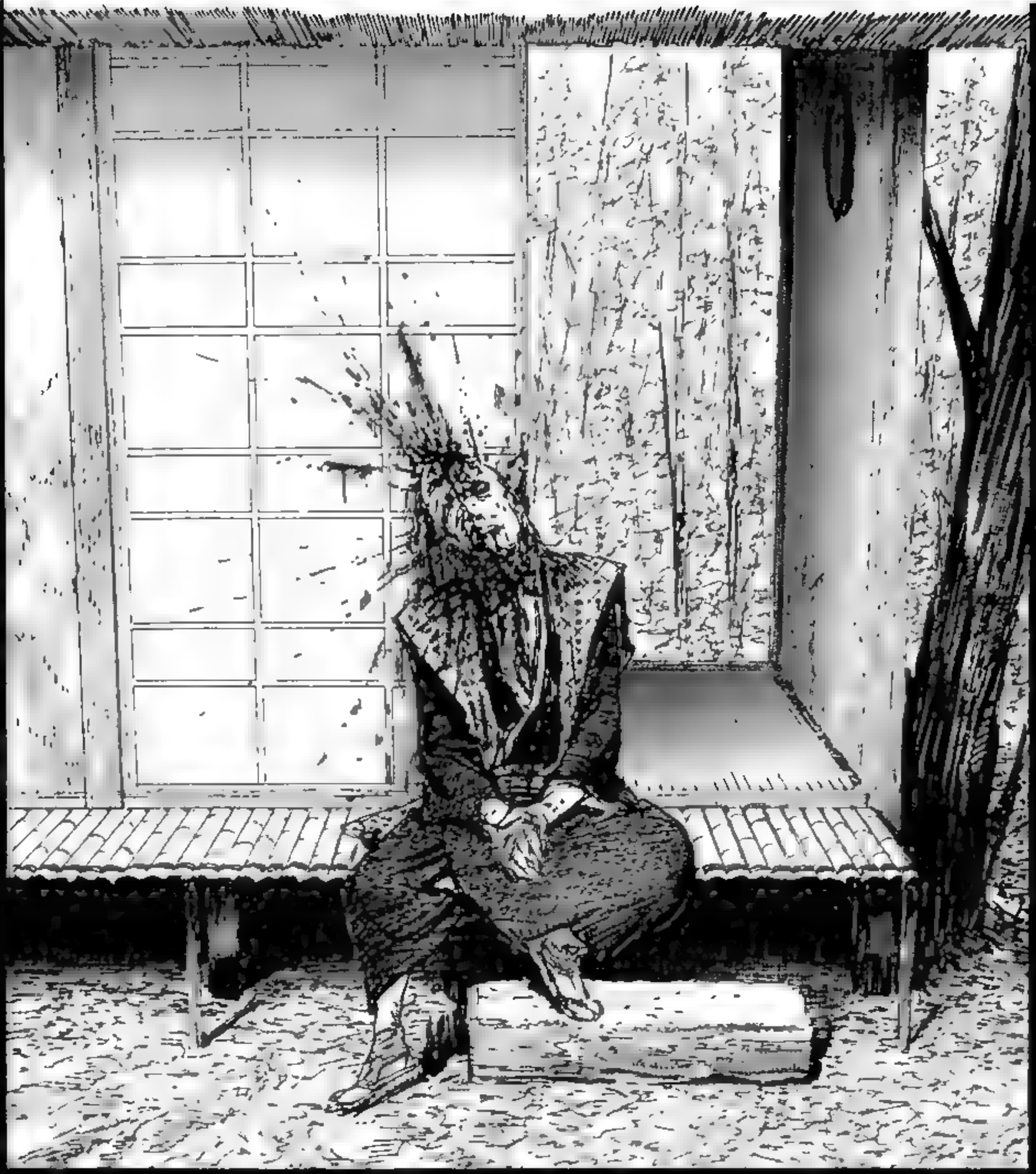
YOU'LL HELP ME THEN, ABA-YAMA!?

...I UNDER-STAND.

...SA-BUROU... YOU...

YOUR ITTOU-RYUU... I'LL HELP TO DEFEND IT.

YES.



!?

ANOTSU SABUROU DIED BY MY HAND.

...WHO ARE YOU?

SABUROU'S OLD FRIEND, ABAYAMA SOUSUKE.

HE WAS GOING TO OBSTRUCT HIS GRANDSON'S LIFE... SO I BENEVOLENTLY DECIDED TO KILL HIM.

LOSERS LIKE ME GREEDILY CLINGING TO LIFE KEEPS THE ITTOU-RYUU CONFINED TO THE SHADOWS.

WHY DID YOU KILL HIM?

SO YOU'RE... ABAYAMA SOUSUKE.

THERE'S NO NEED TO SHED TEARS FOR SABUROU.

THIS BRIGHT NEW ITTOU-RYUU BELONGS TO ALL OF YOU.

THIS GEEZER IS JUST TELLING US A PACK OF LIES.

DON'T BELIEVE HIM.

...DO YOU DOUBT MY WORDS?

WE'VE BEEN GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY.

GRANDFATHER'S SELFISHNESS CAUSED US UNEXPECTED DIFFICULTIES ...

BESIDES

YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T DARE TO APPEAR BEFORE US.

IF YOU HAD KILLED GRANDFATHER FOR WICKED REASONS...

EVEN A YOUTH LIKE MYSELF CAN SEE THAT.

IT SEEMS THAT YOU'RE A ONE ARMED MAN.

TO DO THIS WITH ONLY A SINGLE ARM WOULD REQUIRE A GREAT DEAL OF TRAINING.

PROBABLY BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE HERE.

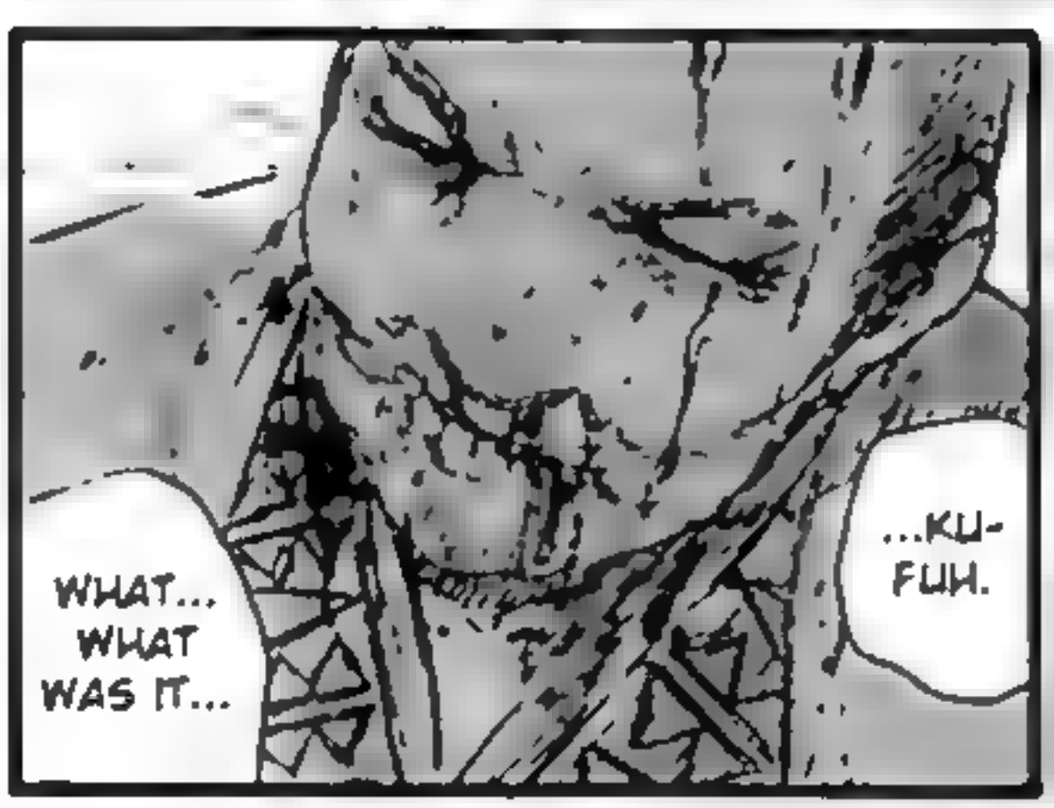
YOU ARE A FAR GREATER SWORDSMAN THAN GRAND-FATHER WAS.

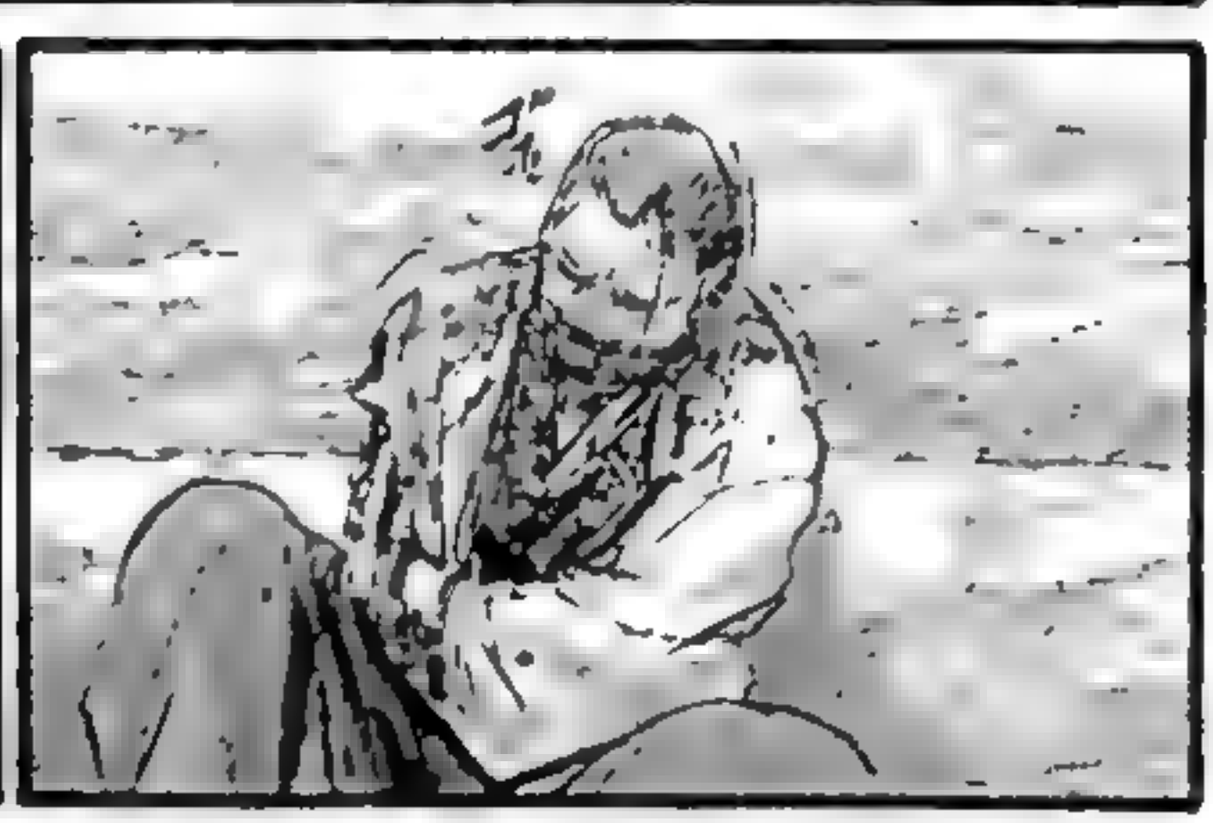
"HE VALUES NOTHING ELSE".

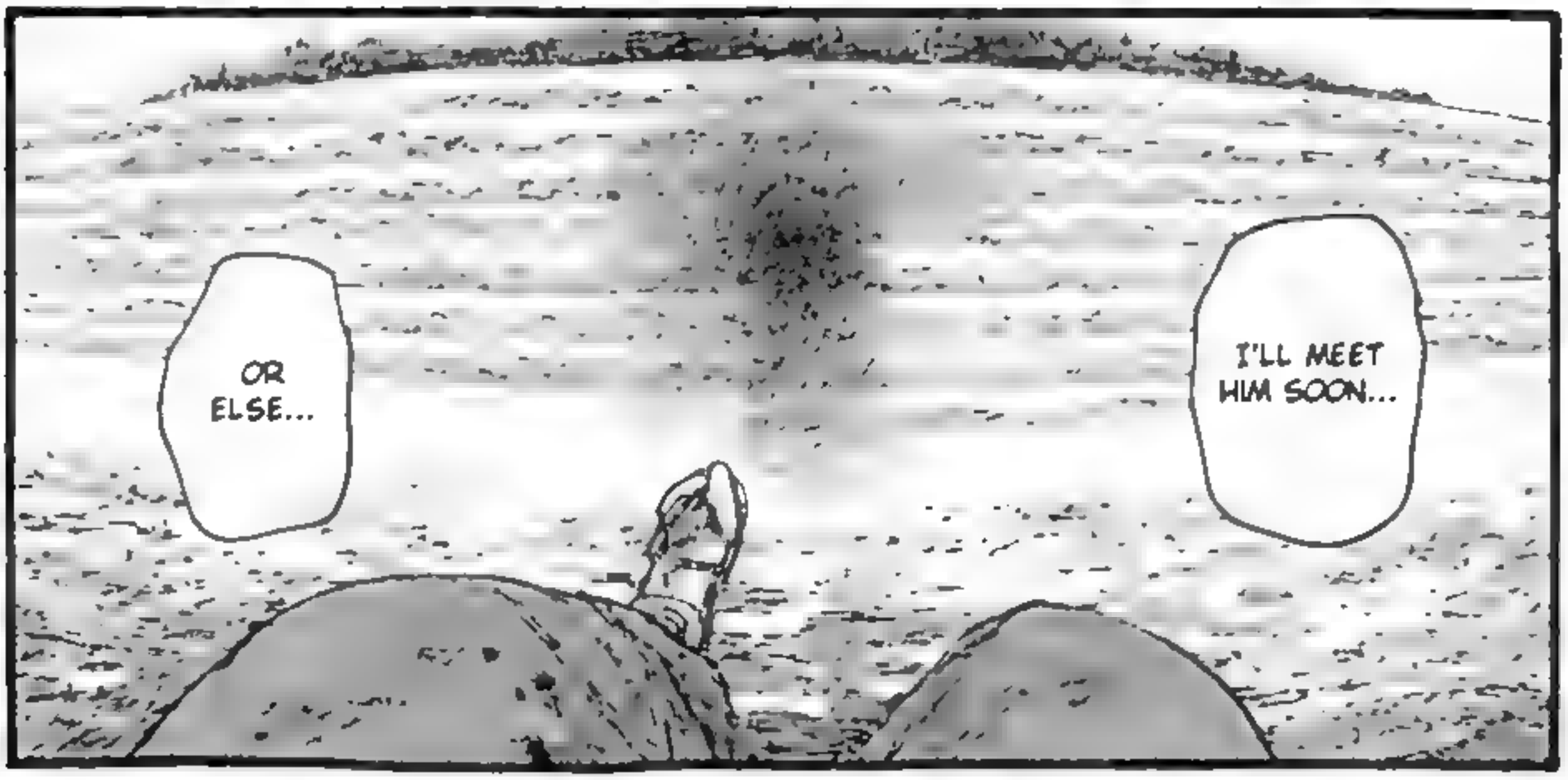
"A TRUE WARRIOR CARES FOR NOTHING BUT THE SWORD".

AMONG GRANDFATHERS TEACHINGS, ONLY THOSE WORDS MOVED ME. FOLLOWING THOSE PRINCIPLES, I WILL PUT MY FAITH IN YOU.

ZOOZ
KOOK


WHAT... WHAT WAS IT...
...KU-FUH.




OR ELSE...
I'LL MEET HIM SOON...

HAVE YOU COME TO COMPLAIN?

AFTER ALL THIS TIME I'M SORRY

KUH COM-PLAINTS

YOU MUST HAVE A MOUNTAIN OF THOSE

NO

KAGEMISA IS STILL ALIVE

BUT THE ITTOU-RYUU HAS BECOME LIKE THIS

I SAID THAT I'D HELP YOU

YOU DID TELL ME... YOUR GRANDSON IS JUST TOO GOOD... HEH HEH.

SABUROU... KAGEHISA HAS...

GROWN INTO SUCH A VIVID MAN.

...HE'S A VIVID MAN... BUT...

IF I HAD TO SAY...

HE ISN'T... A GOOD MAN.

I WAS SHOWN... A FASCINATING DREAM.

I'VE BECOME A BABYSITTER IN ATONEMENT...

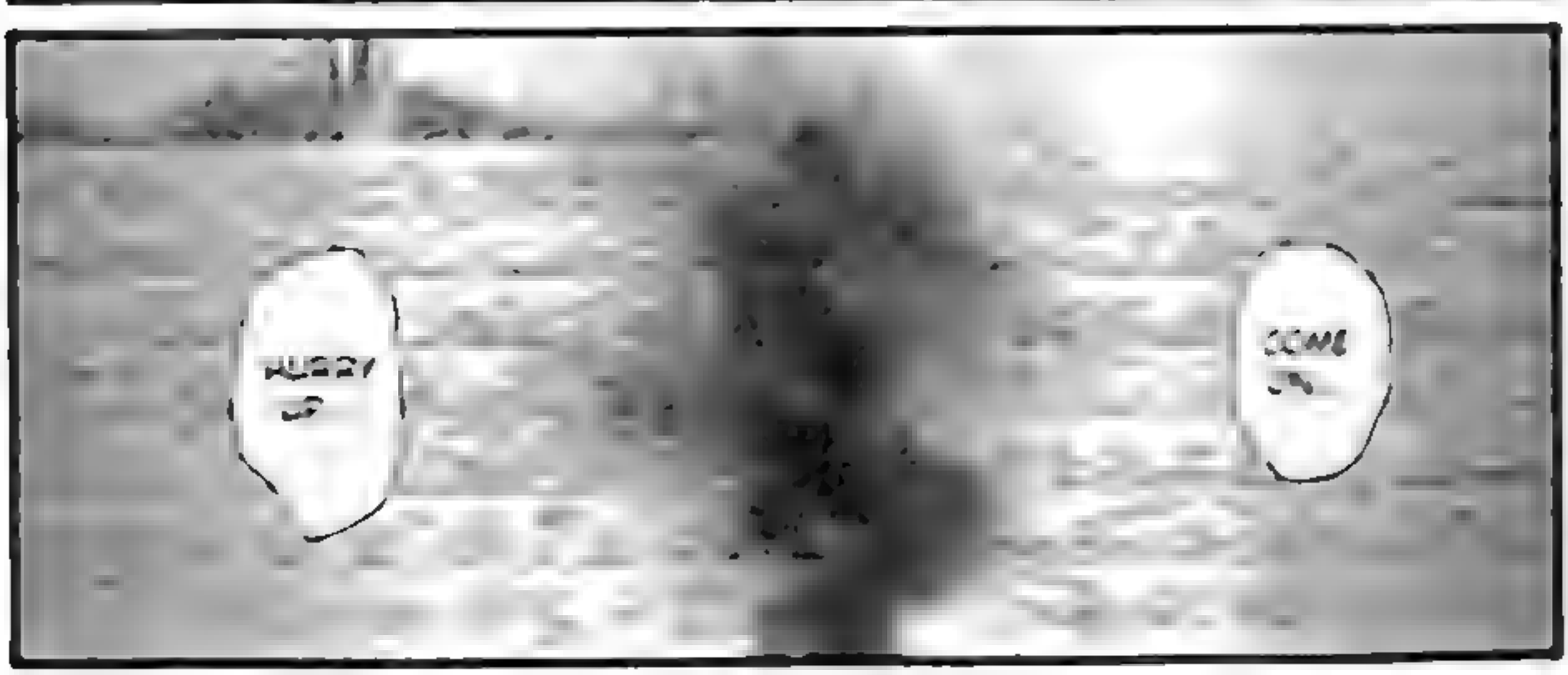
IT WAS HARD TO TURN BACK... THERE WAS SOMETHING BIGGER...

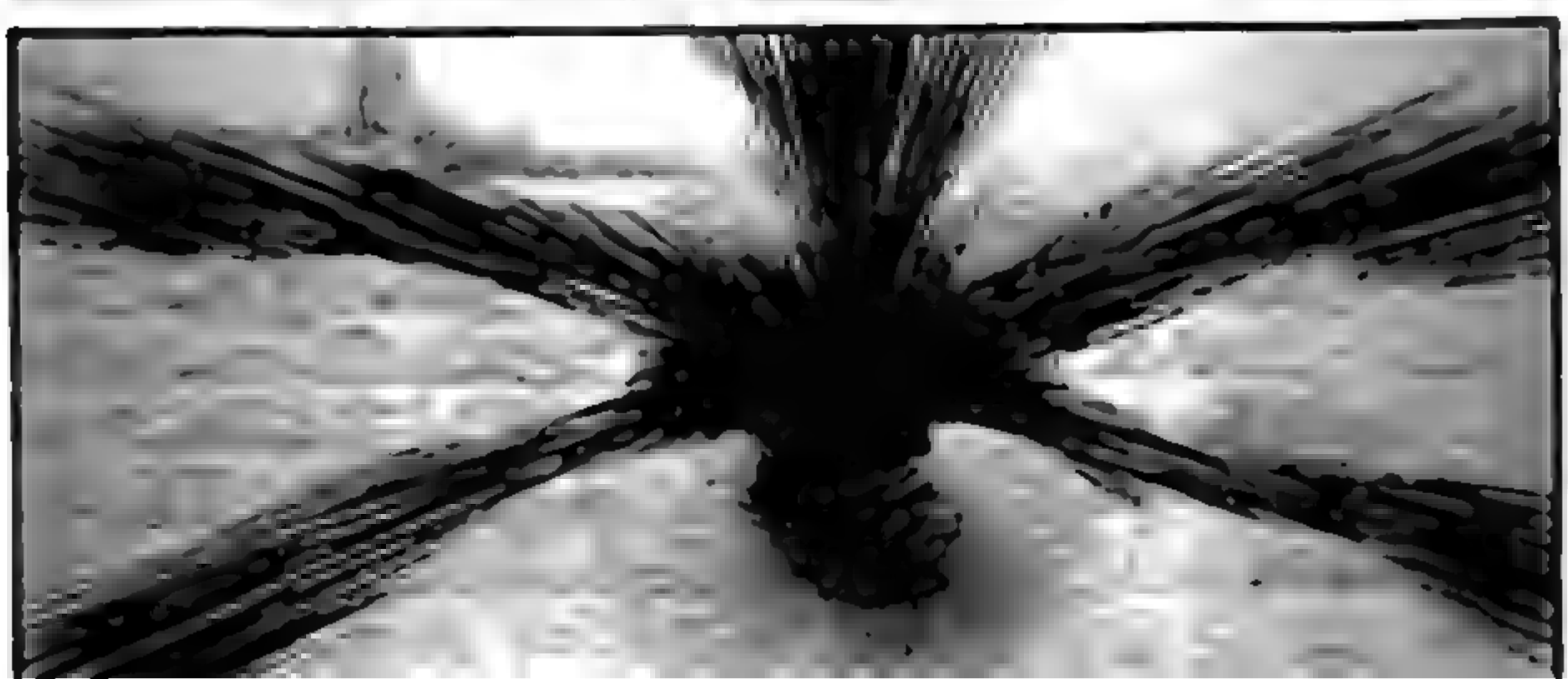
I'M TO BLAME FOR SUPPORTING HIM...

BECAUSE OF THAT...

WHAT IS IT, SAKIZU-RU
OR COULD YOU BE LONELY?
OR COULD'VE YOU'RE ANGRY!

PLEASE TAKE ME OVER THERE
YOU'RE PULLING MY HAIR.
IT'S TOO TROUBLE-SOME... TO KEEP MY EYES OPEN ANY LONGER...


HURRY UP
COME ON



WE DECIDED TO COME ON OUR OWN.

YOU'VE GOT NO RIGHT TO CRITICIZE US.

...I DON'T REMEMBER ASKING YOU TO JOIN US ON THIS TRIP.

...YOU IDIOTS.

HERE TOO... SEVEN OF THE ITTOU-RYUU HAVE BEEN KILLED.

...PROBABLY AT THE SAME TIME.

ABAYAMA SOUSUKE AND THE OTHER FOUR FROM THE ITTOU-RYUU SEEM TO HAVE ALL BEEN KILLED.

SIR!

MITAKE ARASHINO.

WHAT'S THE SITUATION OVER THERE?

THEY'LL BE WIPED OUT.

WITH THIS, MITOJI'S ITTOU-RYUU HAS TWENTY MEMBERS.

ALL THAT'S LEFT IS KAGEHISA'S IMPERIAL TROUPE.

WE'RE GOING TO HEAD FOR NAKAMINATO.

ALL OF YOU, LISTEN UP.

THE REST WILL RETURN OVERLAND FROM HITACHI TO EDO!

THE SAME GROUP WILL WAIT AT THE PORT WITH HORSES.

WE'LL STAY IN NAKAMINATO FOR A DAY, AND THEN MOVE FOR HITACHI.

IN THE WORST CASE...

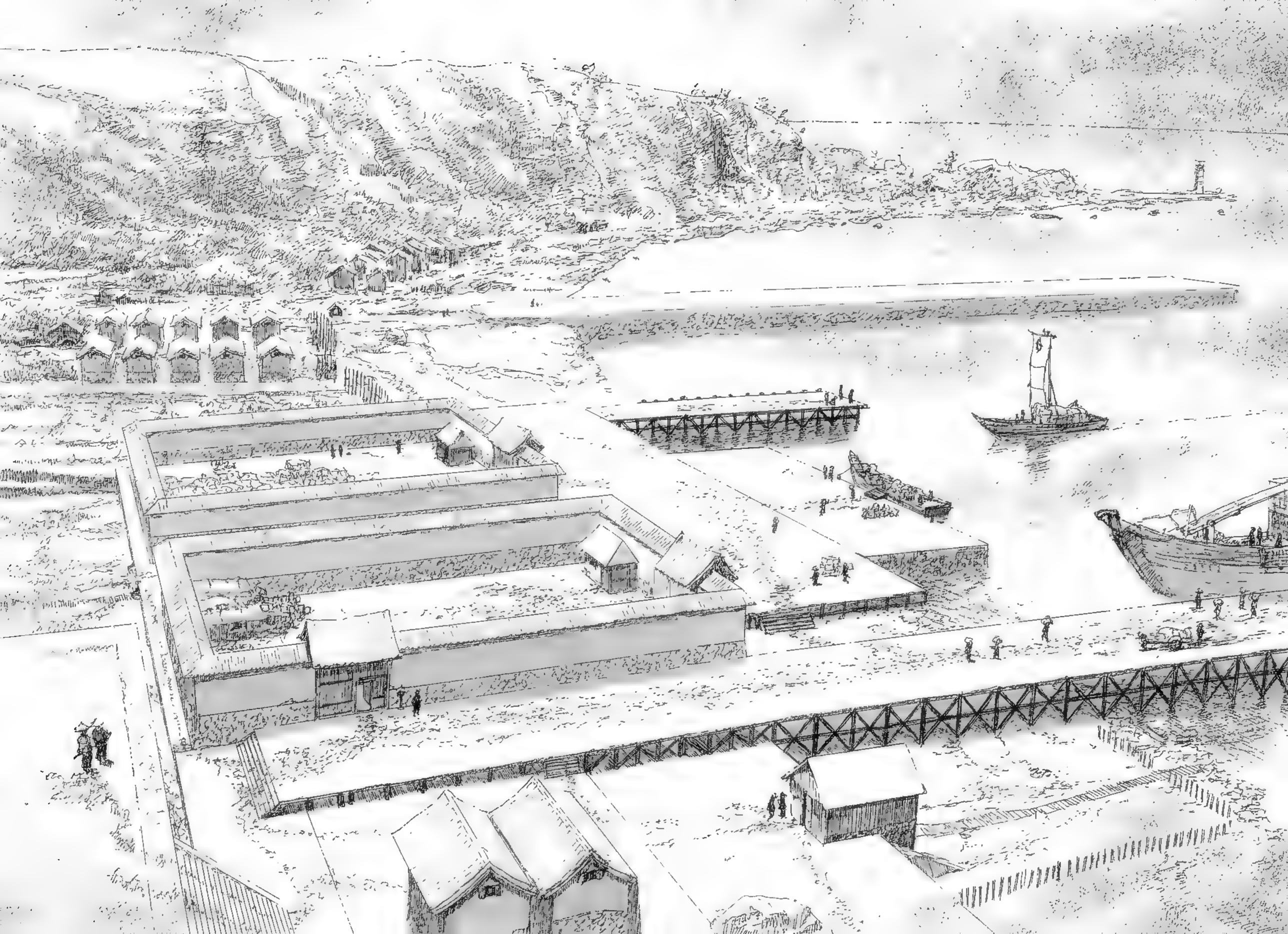
SO ENTER THE AREA BETWEEN HITACHI AND EDO WITH A FINE TOOTH COMB.

KAGEHISA WILL LIKELY CHANGE HIS ORIGINAL PLAN TO GO FROM HITACHI TO SATSUMA BY BOAT.

DON'T EVEN LET WATER LEAK THROUGH CRACKS!

THE SAME GROUP WILL COME BY HORSE TO ALERT US!

IF KAGEHISA APPEARS IN NAKAMINATO OR HITACHI AFTER WE LEAVE,



Sea-related → trauma

Are you alright?

Don't cry.

I'm so happy

We've arrived

...THE ITTOU-RYUU COULD HAVE A SHIP ANYWHERE IN NAKAMINATO...

THEY'LL THINK THAT THAT WILL PUT THEM OUTSIDE OF OUR SEARCH AREA.

IF THEY TAKE A BEZAI, THEY'LL HAVE TO DISEMBARK AT AN UNEXPECTED PORT... THAT'S THE ONLY POSSIBILITY.

THEY DON'T HAVE TIME TO SPEND ON LOADING AND UNLOADING CARGO. IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE THEM TAKING A BEZAI OR GODAIRIKI*.

NO.

THEY'LL HAVE TO HAVE A SHIP READY IF THEY HOPE TO SHAKE OFF OUR PURSUIT.

OR THEY MIGHT BE PLANNING TO HIRE A BOATMAN AFTER THEY ARRIVE...

Note: Bezai and Godairiki are types of trading ships

THE... THEN...

IF THEIR BOATMAN DOESN'T KNOW THEM ALL BY SIGHT, THAT MIGHT WORK.

COULD WE TRICK THEM BY USING THE ITTOU-RYUU'S NAME AND GOING FROM SHIP TO SHIP?

IF THEY DO THAT, THEY MUST ALREADY HAVE A PRIVATE SHIP...

THAT'S THE ONLY THING WE NEED TO DO.

WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THEIR SHIP DOESN'T LEAVE THE HARBOR.

MITAKE, THIS IS NO TIME TO BE WORRYING.

I WANT YOU TO CUT DOWN EVERYONE ON BOARD...

ALL THE SHIPS, LARGE OR SMALL, THAT YOU CAN SEE FROM HERE.

MAKE NO EXCEPTION FOR THE MERCHANTS AND LABORERS.

The 185th Chapter | End

❖The 186th Chapter❖

Law of the Road

-The Second Part-

WHY THE HELL ARE YOU DOING THIS!?

WHA... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

THIS... THIS HAS TO BE... SOME KIND OF MISTAKE.

WAIT...! PLEASE... JUST WAIT....

WAIT, WAI...

I HAVEN'T DONE ANY-THING TO DESERVE THIS!

HIEEE-
EEEEE!

STOP! PLEASE, STOP THIS!

THERE MUST BE A SHIP TO CARRY ALL OF THEM.

A SHIP WITH A SHALLOW DRAFT*.

WE'VE FOUND EVIDENCE OF A MERCHANT SHIP WHICH HASN'T BEEN TAKING ON CARGO.

WE BELIEVE THAT MORE THAN TEN OF THE ITTOU-RYUU HAVE ARRIVED AND OUR LIVING HERE...

THEN.... KILL THE CREWS OF EVERY SHIP THAT ISN'T TAKING ON CARGO, REGARDLESS OF ITS DRAFT.

FIRST OF ALL, KILL ALL OF THE BOATMEN.

YOU SHOULD TRY TO KILL EVERYONE YOU CAN.

AND AS YOU GO...

YOU... YOU BAS- TARDS! DO...

DO YOU THINK YOU CAN END IT LIKE THIS!? WITH THIS KIND OF TRICKERY!?

UWAA-
AHHHH!

YOU'RE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, PLEASE SAVE US!

HAHH

HAHH

THIS IS A STATE OF EMER-GENCY.

ALTHOUGH I AM AN OFFICIAL,

WHAT THE...

HUH?

Toh

Toh

Toh

THAT DAMNED ITTOU-RYUU...

...THE ITTOU-RYUU...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE!?

YOU BAS-TARD-SSS!

GOV-ERN-MENT ORDERS !?

WE'RE ACTING UNDER THE ORDERS OF THE SHOGUNATE GOVERNMENT, PLEASE DON'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THIS.

THEY MUST BE FROM THE CASTLE.

I JUST TOLD YOU...

HUH !?

HOW DO YOU PLAN TO DO THAT?

THE TWO OF YOU?

STOP SPOUT-ING NON-SENSE.

HMPH... WE'LL SORT THIS OUT AT THE PRISON.

たん!

たん!

EVEN IF YOU DON'T FORGIVE ME, IT'S FINE.

THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE FORGIVEN.

...NO.

FORGIVE ME...

THERE ARE NO SANDALS ON THE DOCK...

THEY DON'T SEEM TO BE UNLOADING CARGO...

WAIT HERE AND MAKE SURE THAT NO ONE WHO ESCAPES MAKES IT OFF THE DOCK.

...Dare to question death...

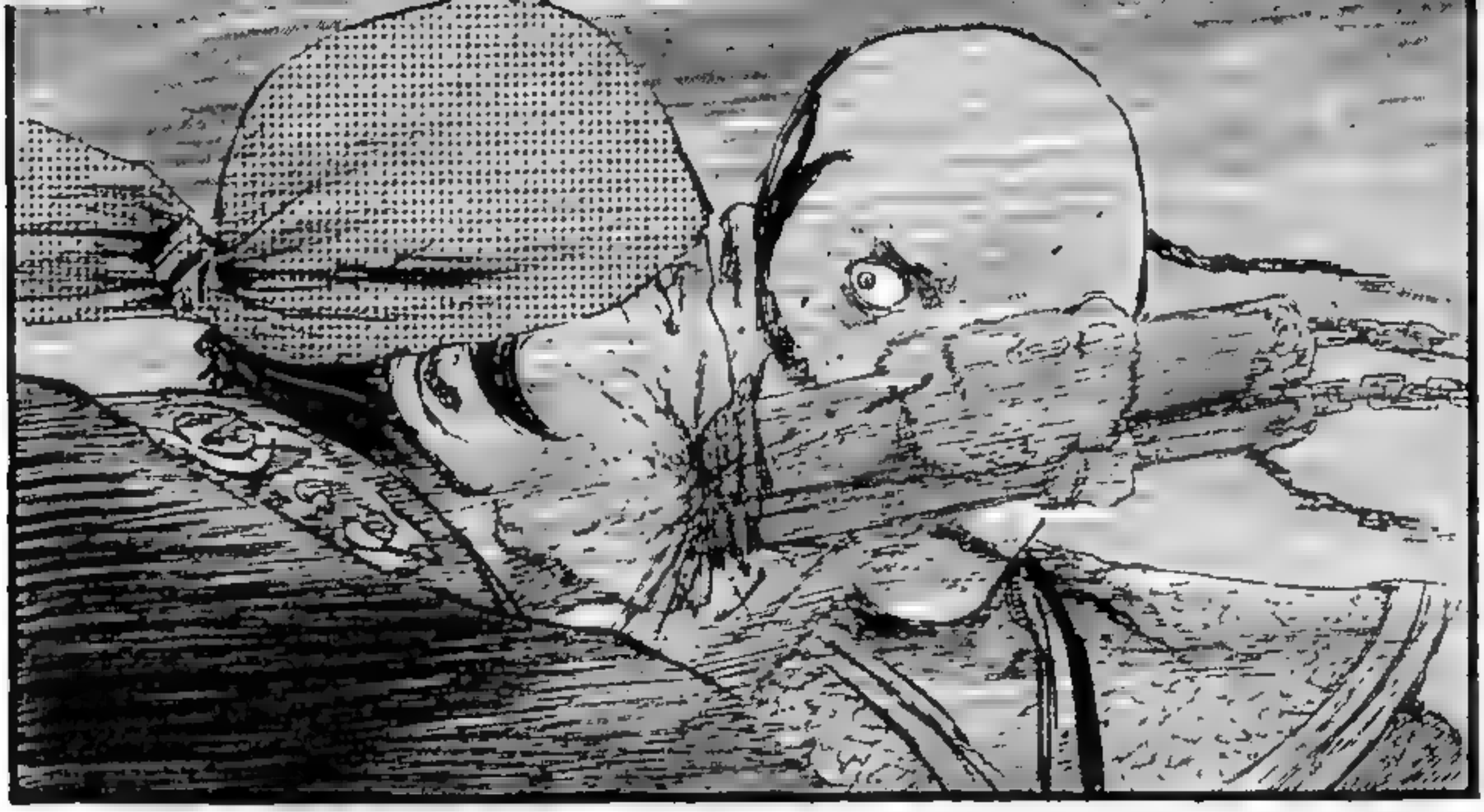
...DO YOU NOT CARE FOR THE ANALECTS OF CONFUCIUS?

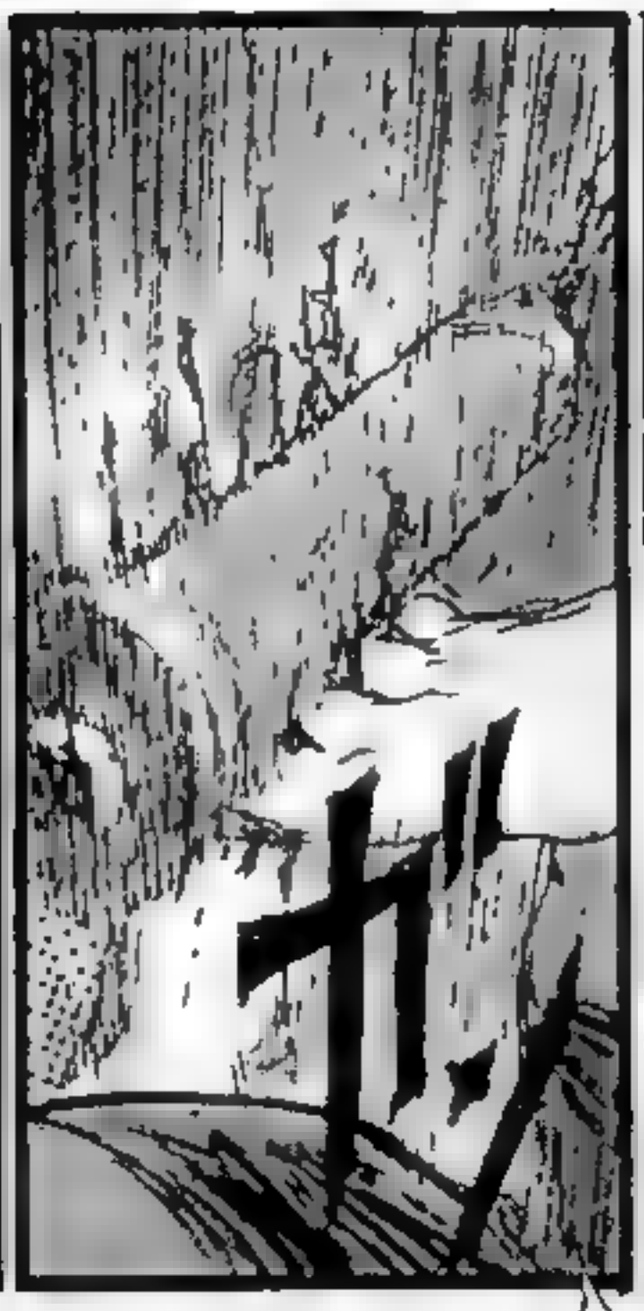
?

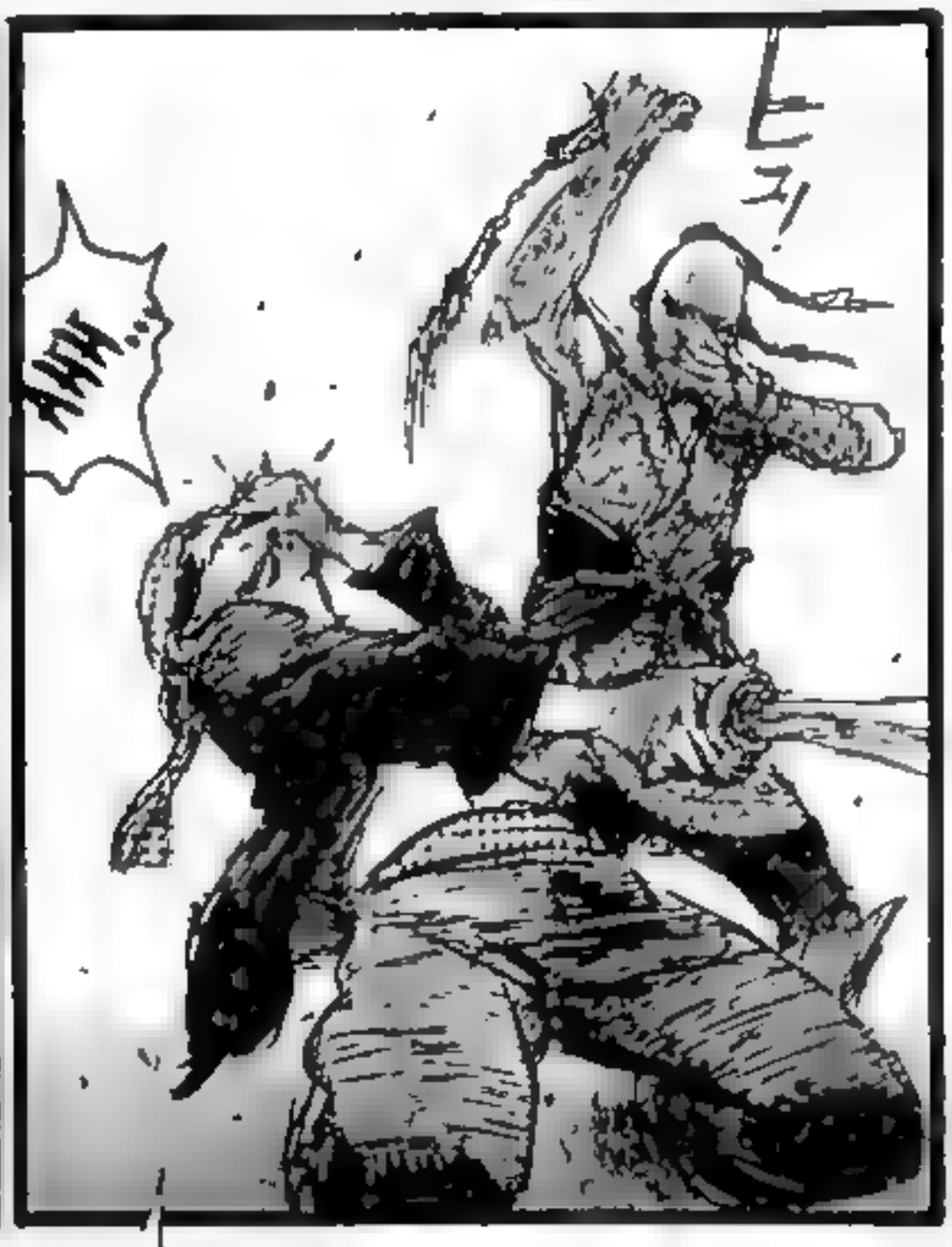
!!

むく…

DIE






AHH!
느끼!

아아아!!

كراش!

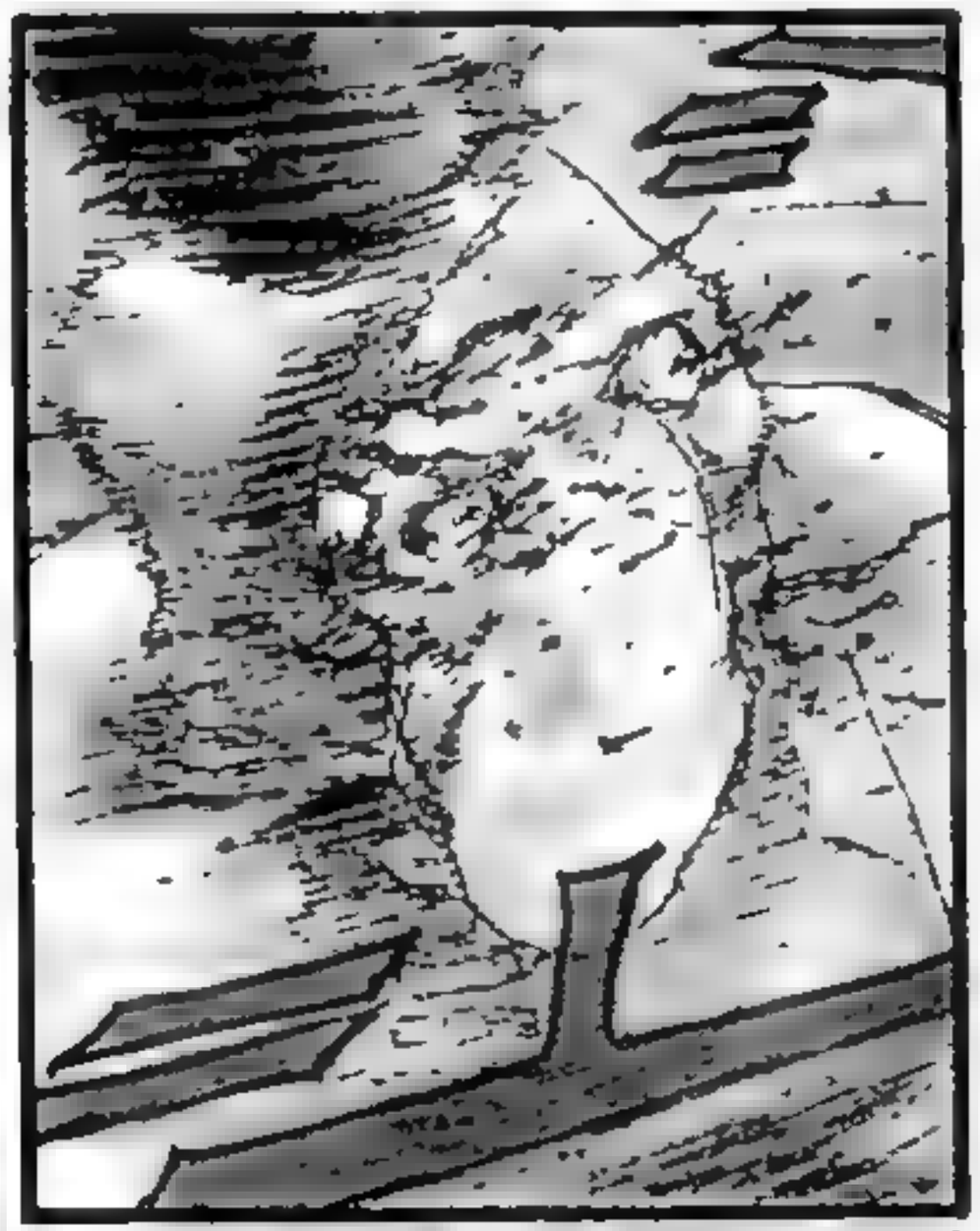
(BIG BROTHER...)

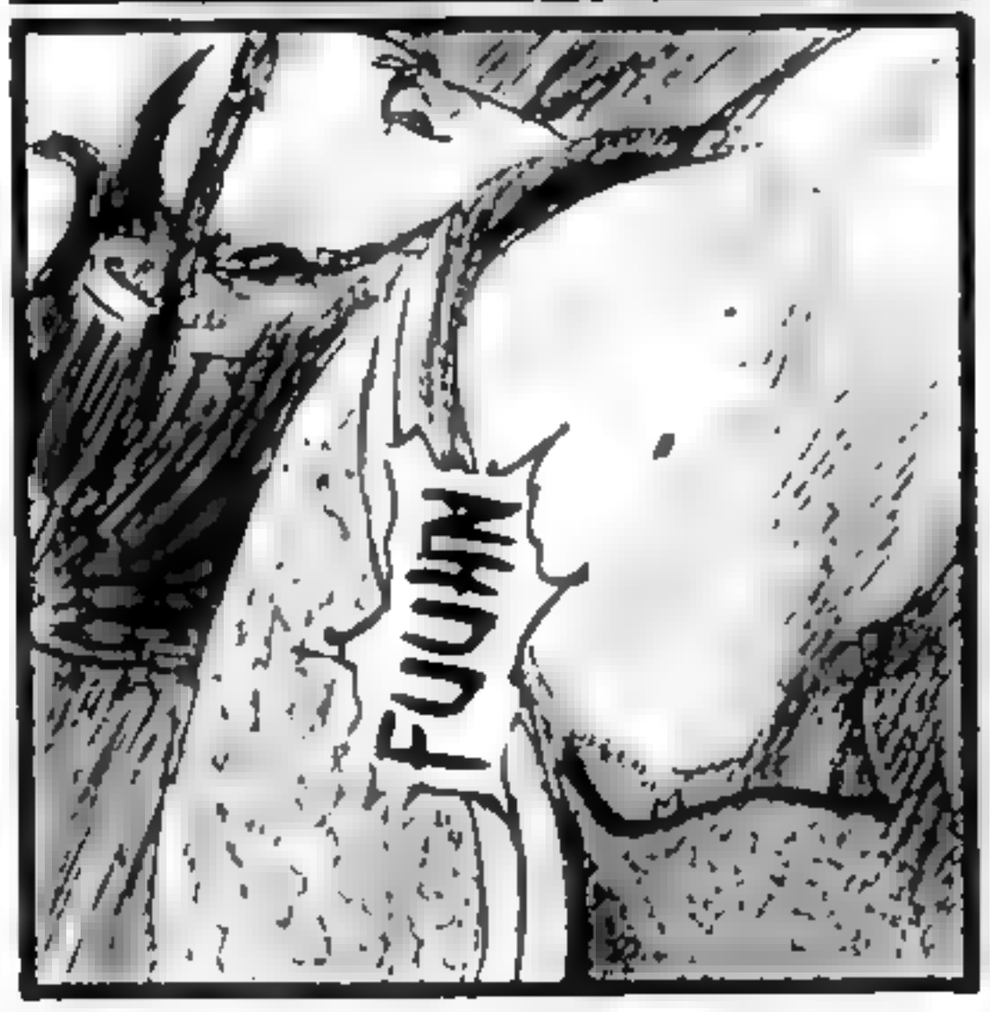
(OH...? ...BROTHER...)

DAMN YOU!!

FU

DA...




FUUHH

YOU SHOULDN'T COME AT ALL IF YOU'RE ONLY GOING TO SHOW UP NOW.

ARE YOU UN-HARMED!?

LORD DOMA, WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW!?

YES SI... HUH!?

WELL, IT'S FINE. GIVE ME A HAND.

I WANT YOU TO DRILL HOLES IN THE HULL.

I REALLY DON'T CARE FOR THIS SHIP.

WHY DON'T YOU TRY MAKING THEM WITH YOUR SWORDS OR SOMETHING?

I DON'T KNOW EITHER.

WELL...

BUT, LORD DOMA...

PUTTING HOLES IN A SHIP... IT'S SIMPLE TO SAY, BUT HOW CAN WE DO IT?

TRY YOUR BEST.

IT'S JUST A CHOKI BOAT*...

UWAH... I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING.

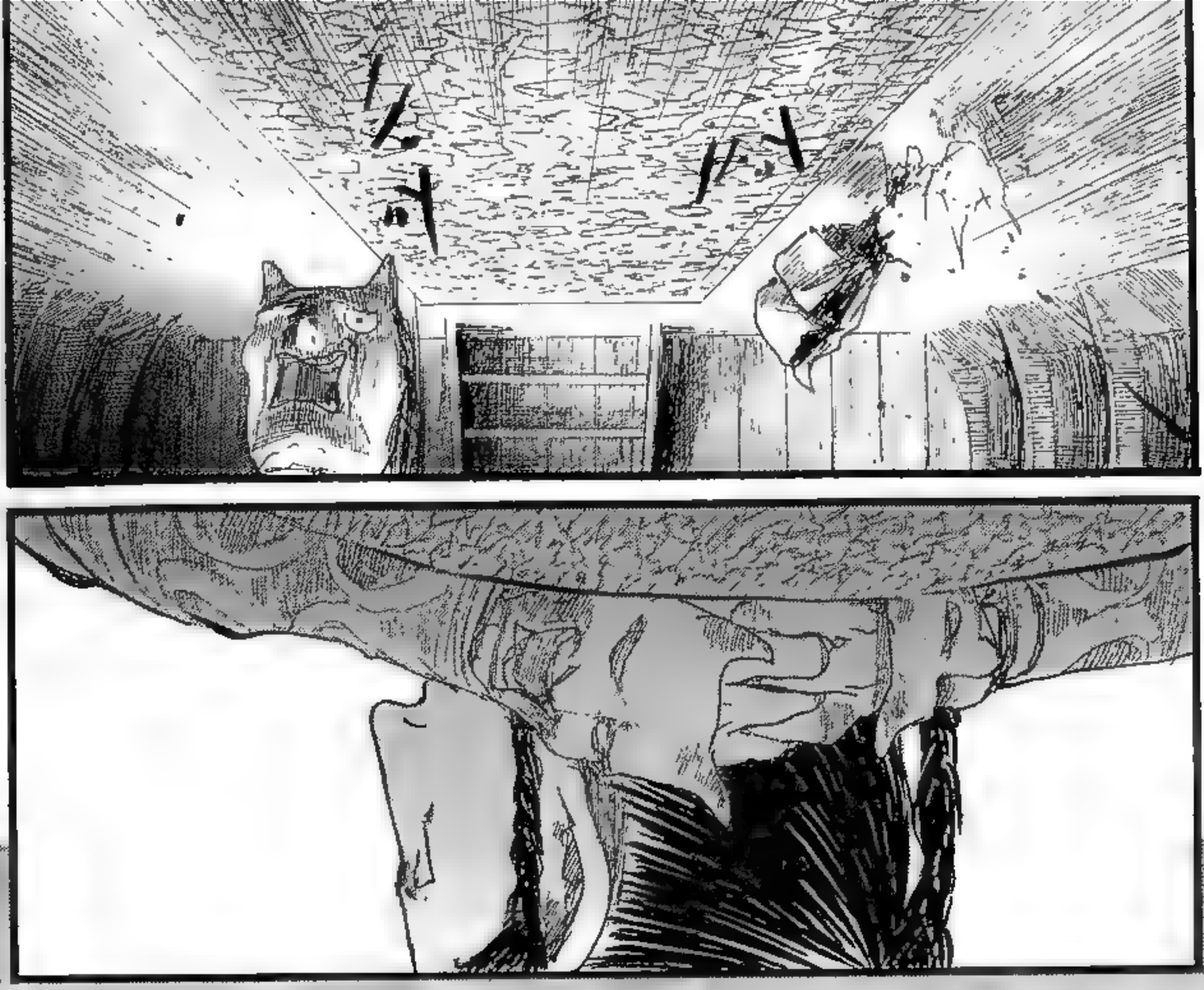
COULD IT BE... A CORPSE?

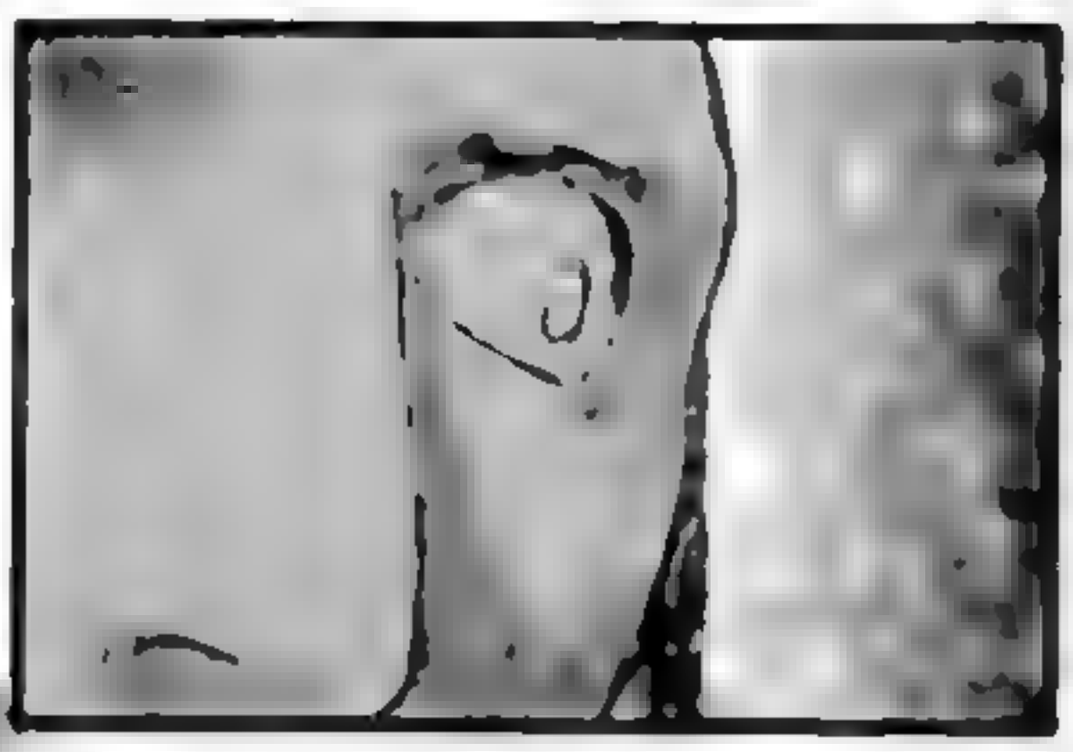
NO... UMM...

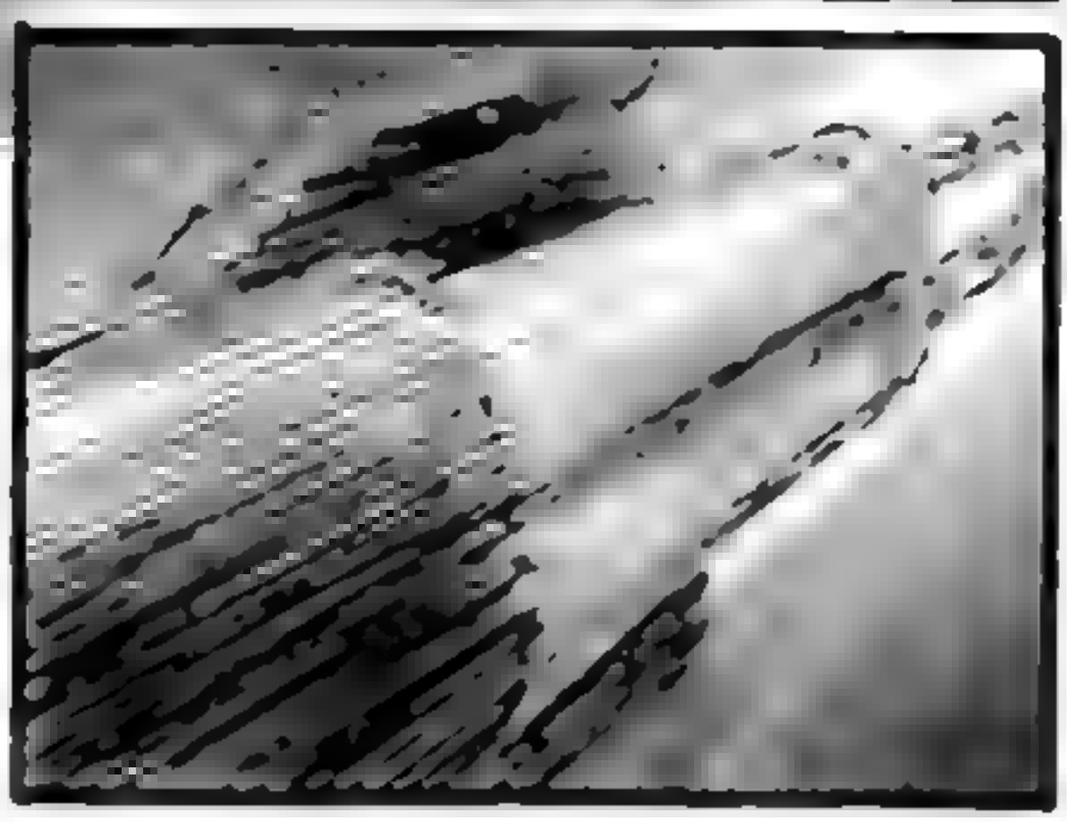
...I CAN'T SEE IT WELL BUT...

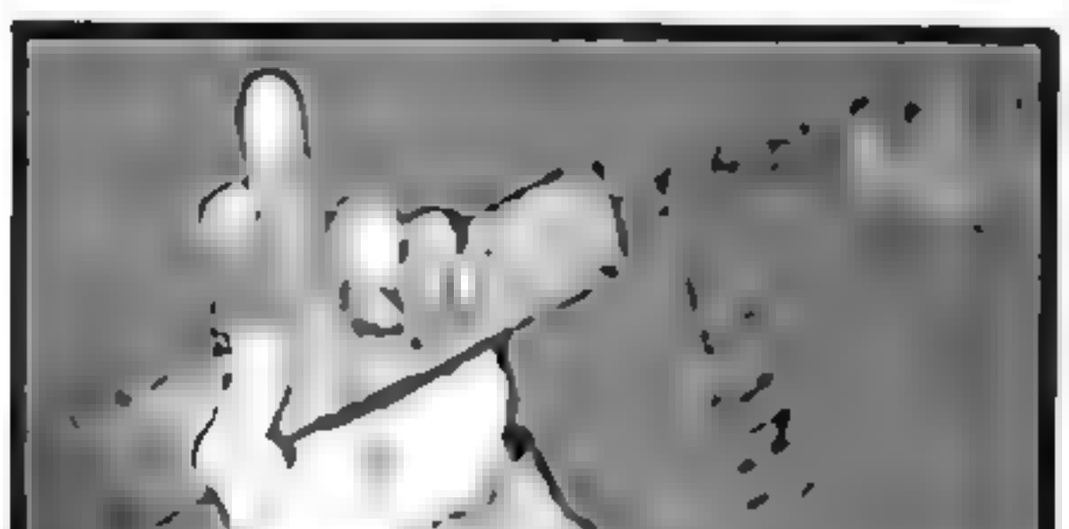
AH!

WHAT'S WRONG?









IT CAN'T BE...

IT'S THE MIDDLE OF WINTER ...

WHY AM I SWEATING?

...A WOMAN...?

KAH

THIS DULL WEATH-ER...

....HOW REPUL-SIVE.

The 186th Chapter End

WHAT IS THIS?

IN THAT INSTANT...
I...

IF WE'D GIVEN IT, SHE WOULDN'T HAVE ATTACKED.

SHE MUST HAVE EXPECTED SOME-KIND OF PASSWORD.

HAVE WARNED US ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THIS?

SHOULDN'T HABAKI KAGIMURA...

❖The 187th Chapter❖

Severing the Rudder

-The First Part-

WHAT EXACTLY DID YOU DO?

YESTERDAY,

THE PORT DIDN'T SMELL LIKE THIS.

SHE USED THAT LONG THING... IN A NARROW SHIP'S HOLD.

AND SENT TWO MENS' HEADS FLYING IN AN INSTANT..?

びくっ!

TON

!!

hi

...HH...

カッ

カッ

ガバ

...YEAH.

...YOU DID THIS ON YOUR OWN?

THESE POOR PEOPLE...

THEY DIED IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY.

...THEY WERE VERY KIND TO ME.

IF YOU HADN'T COME ON BOARD,

THOSE THREE WOULDN'T HAVE DIED.

YES... THAT'S RIGHT...

...FROM THE BEGINNING.

THE TWO OF THEM...

THOSE TWO OVER THERE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO DIE EITHER.

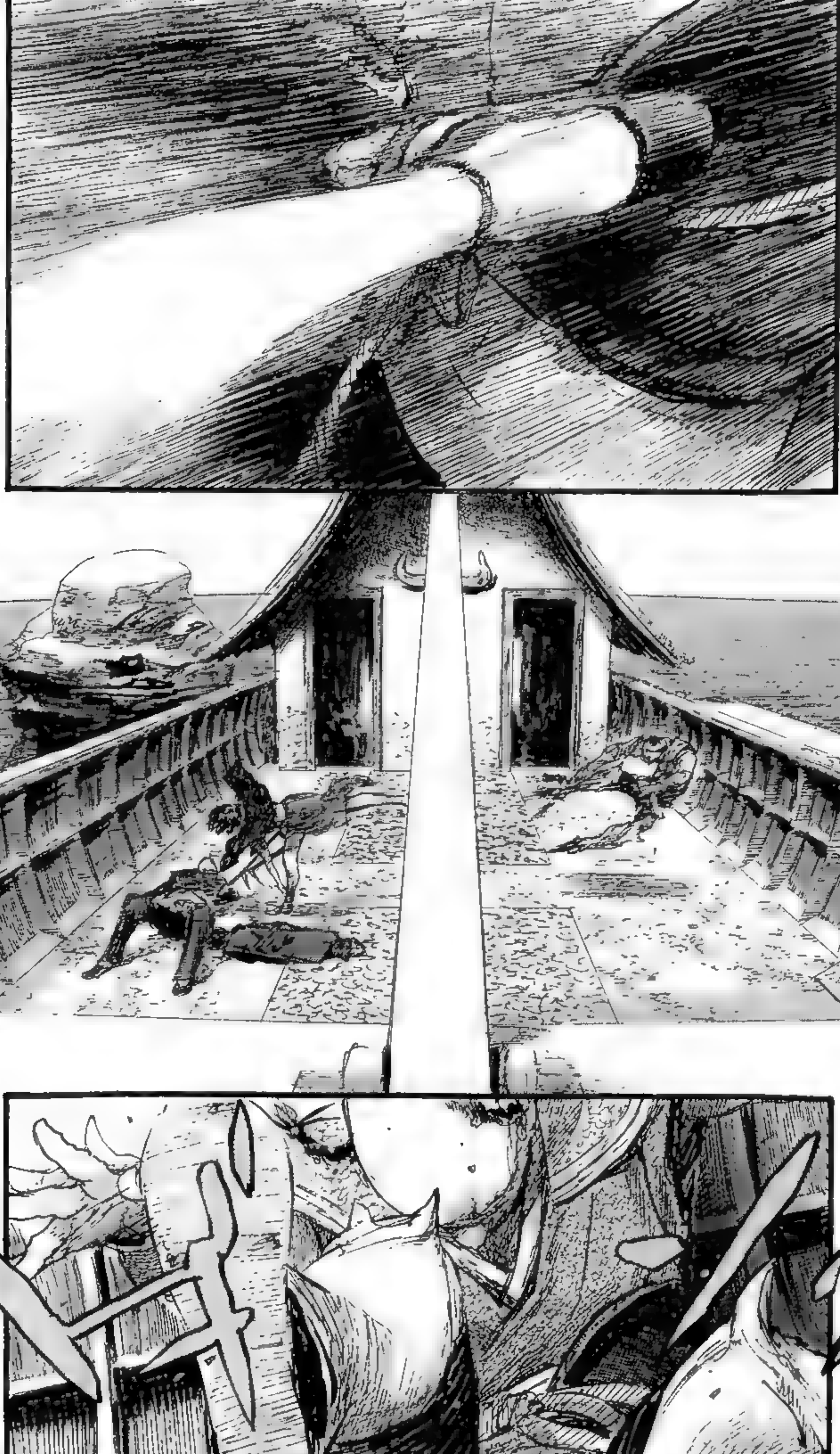
IF I HAD COME OUT RIGHT AWAY...

WOULD PROBABLY HAVE JUST RUN OFF IF YOU DIED.

...GH!

SO, YOU'VE BEEN ABLE TO SURVIVE WITH A WEAPON LIKE THAT.

...YOU.



HAHH

HA-AHHH

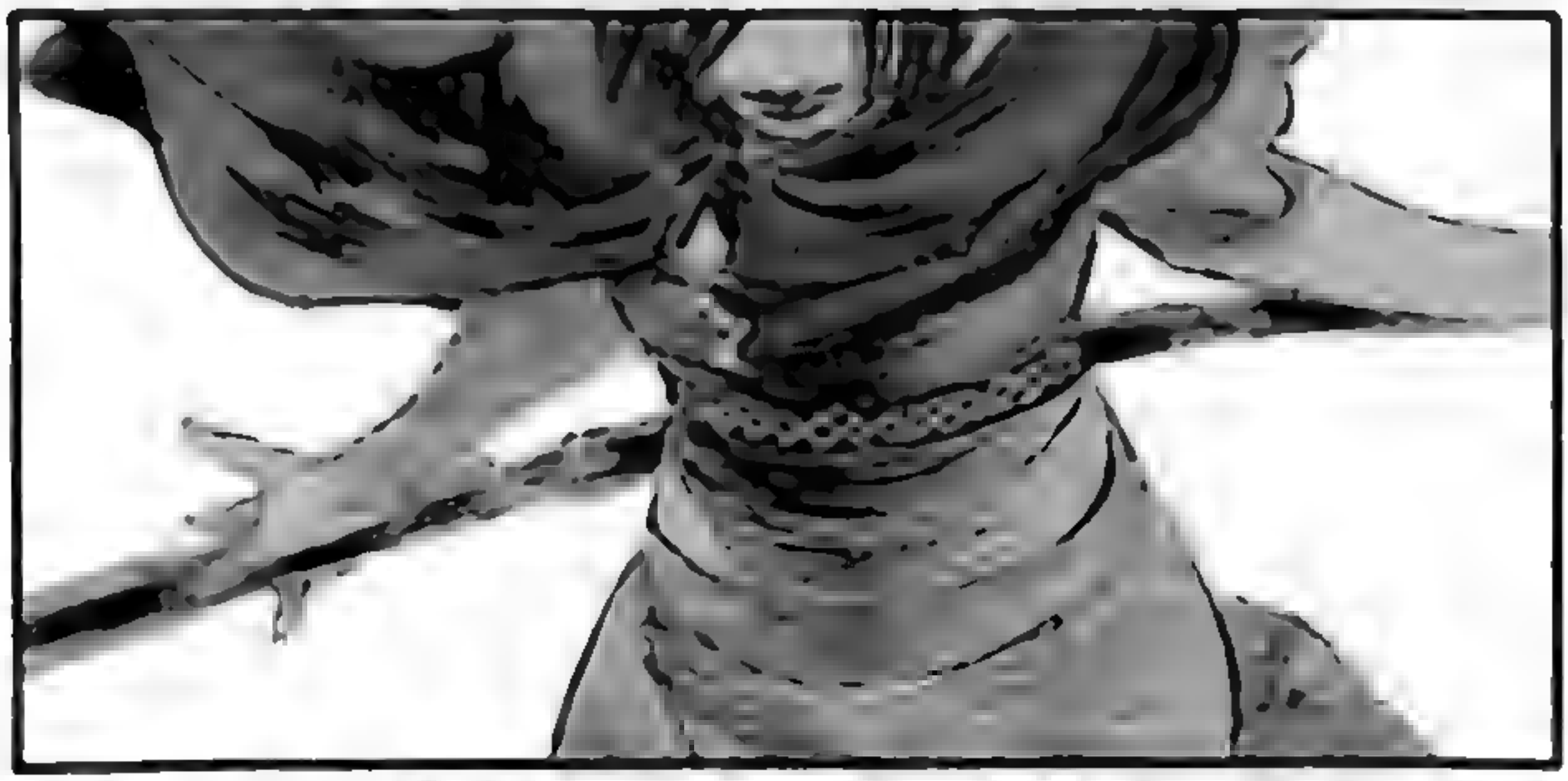
I COULDN'T SEE... HER KICK.

...KEH...

AH!

GOEE-HHHH...

¡¡OH!!



KUH...
HER WEAPON IS LIKE MINE...!
IF I LEAVE HER ALONE, SHE WON'T STOP FOR EVEN AN INSTANT.

HOOOOHHH!!

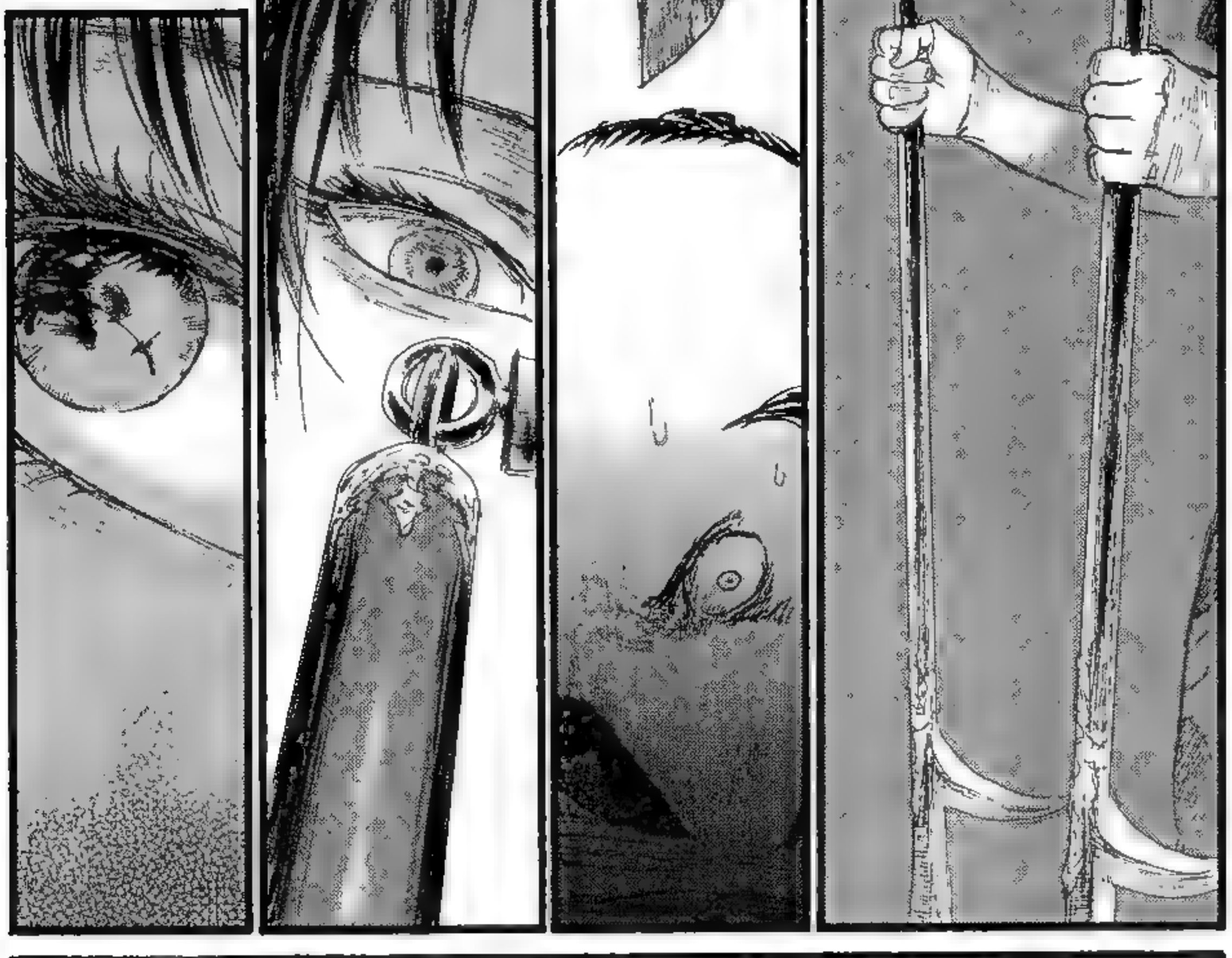
.....

IM... IMPOS-SIBLE.

ガ!

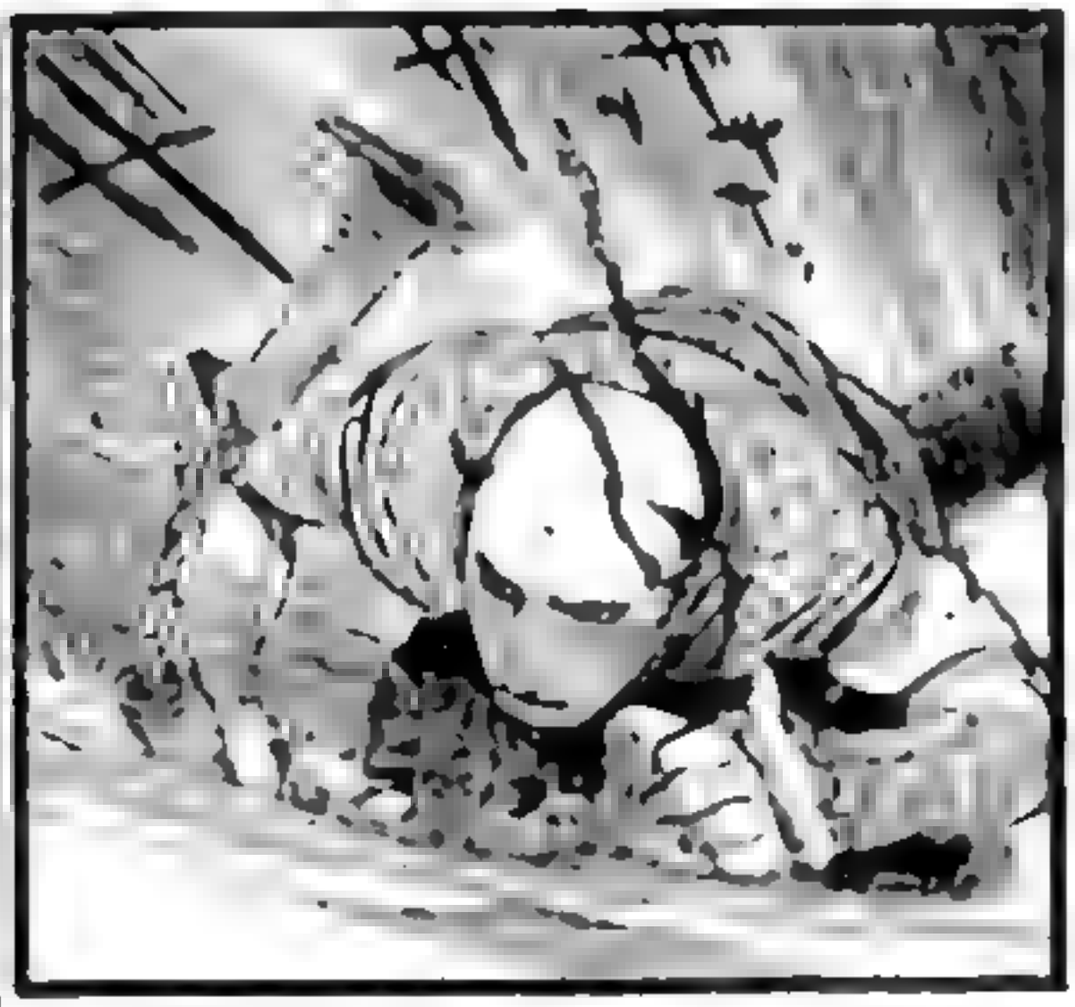
I CAN'T MOVE... MY BODY...!

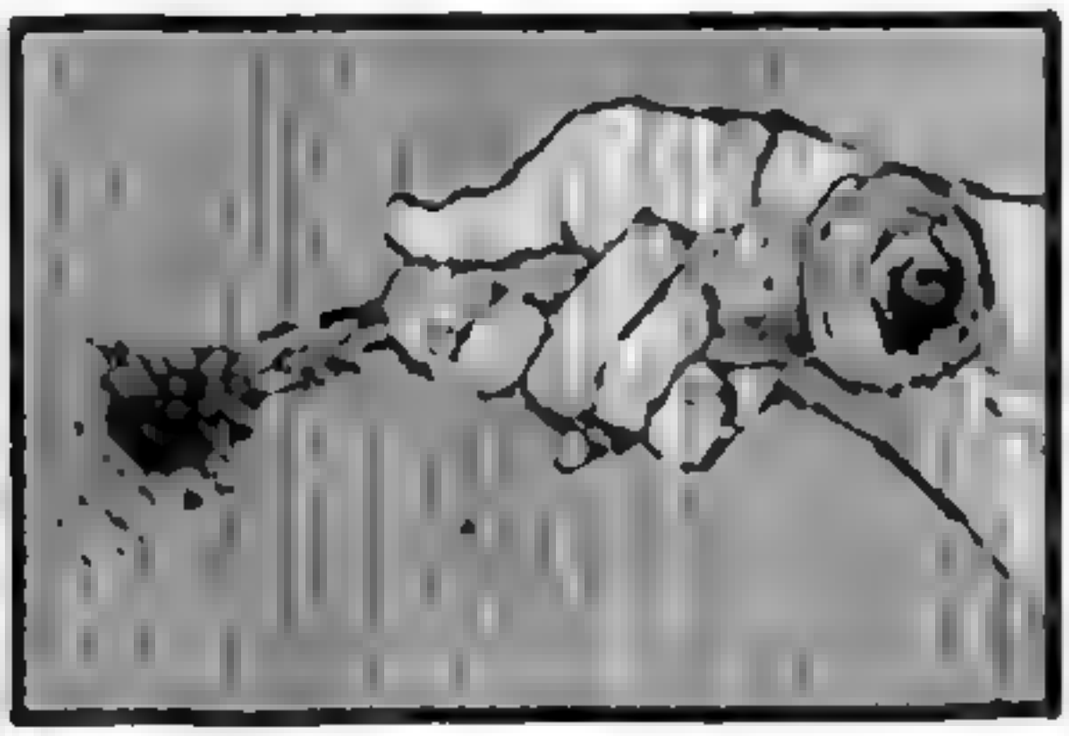
I CAN'T SPEAK, EITHER...!

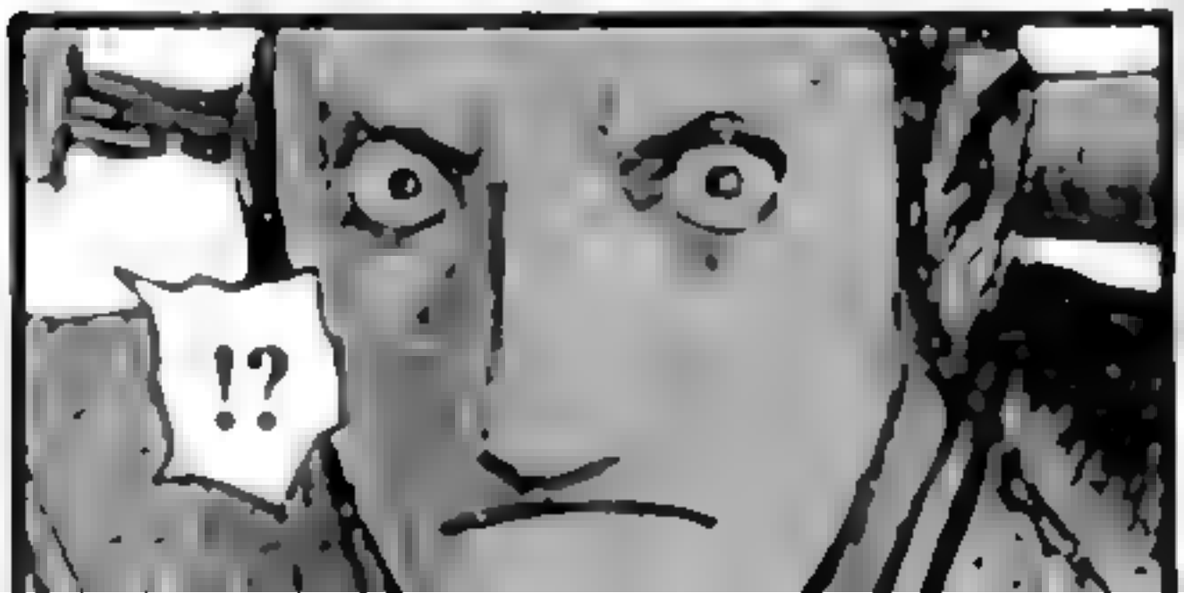

KOOOO
OFA!

BOOO-EEH-HHH!

DOWN







HEY...

HEY, TARIE-SHIN!!

THAT'S RIGHT.

WELL... HE STILL CAME TO SAVE ME...

HE'S SCARED OF BOATS...

SHIT...

THIS ISN'T WORTH THE RISK.

WE'LL LEAVE THIS WOMAN TO HABAKI.

WE'RE HEADING BACK, TARIE-SHIN!

THAT'S...

COULD IT BE...?

WHAT IS IT... WHY ARE THEY IN SUCH A RUSH?

TARIESHIN AND... DOMA?

COME QUIETLY.

YOU DARED TO LAY HANDS ON THE CASTLE RICE COLLEC-TORS...

OFFICIAL BUSINESS, OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

IF YOU GET INVOLVED WITH SHIPS BOUND FOR EDO, THE GOVERNMENT WON'T REMAIN SILENT ABOUT IT!!

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

DO YOU WANT YOUR WHOLE CLAN TO BE WIPED OUT!?

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

THIS IS A GRAVE MIS-UNDER-STANDING.

DON'T MAKE SUCH A RACKET.

COME SPEAK TO ME AGAIN AFTER VERIFYING THE SITUATION.

WE HAVE NOT KILLED EVEN A SINGLE MERCHANT OR SAILOR.

THE ITTOU-RYUU.

I EXPECT YOU'VE HEARD OF THEM.

I AM THE NEW HEAD CLERK, HABAKI KAGI-MURA.

THESE CRIMI-NALS ARE CALLED...

I HAVE COME HERE PURSUING CRIMINALS ON OFFICIAL ORDERS.

DON'T MAKE SUCH SHAMELESS EXCUSES.

RIGHT NOW...

AND MY COMRADES, WHO ARE KILLING THE ITTOU-RYUU.

THE ITTOU-RYUU, VIOLENTLY STEALING CARGO FROM MERCHANT SAILORS...

RIGHT NOW, THERE ARE TWO GROUPS OF PEOPLE CAUSING TROUBLE IN THIS PORT.

THE SEAL OF ONE OF THE SHOGUN'S ADVISORS ON THE LEFT IS PROOF THAT WE'RE ACTING ON OFFICIAL ORDERS!

I AND ALL OF MY MEN ARE CARRYING COPIES OF THIS BLOOD-SEAL IN THEIR BREAST POCKETS.

THOSE STANDING FAR AWAY MAY COME CLOSER TO SEE IT.

LOOK.

WHO CANNOT PRESENT THIS SEAL WHEN QUESTIONED...

ANYONE CARRYING A SWORD IN THIS PORT...

UH...

IT'S... REAL!?

ARE THE ONES YOU SHOULD REALLY BE ARREST-ING!!

The 157th Chapter End

❖The 188th Chapter❖

Severing the Rudder

-The Second Part-

...HH...

THIS SEAL IS CERTAINLY...

ONE OF THEM IS CLEARLY A SOUTHERN BARBARIAN...

CAN... CAN THESE PEOPLE REALLY BE AGENTS OF THE SHOGUNATE GOVERNMENT!?

DO YOU PLAN ON QUESTIONING GOVERNMENT ORDERS?

HEY.

IS EVERY-THING IN ORDER?

THIS IS FINE.

That was close

Fuunn

.....

IT'S FINE. BE QUIET.

LORD MIWA! LETTING THEM GO LIKE THIS...

THE PEOPLE OF THE PORT WON'T BE THE ONLY ONES TO DIE!!

THOSE ITTOU-RYUU REMNANTS MUST BE HERE SOMEWHERE.

WE HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THEIR STORY.

WE CAN'T INTERFERE WITH THE THREE GREAT HOUSES, AND WE CERTAINLY CAN'T QUESTION ONE OF THE ELDERS!

IF THOSE SEALS ARE THE REAL THING, ALL OF THEIR ACTIONS ARE SANCTIONED BY THE SHOGUN'S COUNCIL OF ELDERS.

PRESENT YOUR BLOOD SEAL.

HEY, YOU.

IF YOU'RE WORKING FOR THE GOVERNMENT, YOU SHOULD HAVE ONE, RIGHT!?

THE BLOOD SEAL ON THE ORDERS FROM THE COUNCIL OF ELDERS.

HURRY UP, I'M NOT A PATIENT MAN!

.....

I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO SHOW YOU...

I'M NOT WITH THE SHOGUNATE GOVERNMENT, SO...

DID YOU HEAR ME?

...EVEN IF YOU TELL ME TO SHOW IT TO YOU...

IF YOU SAY THAT... IN OTHER WORDS...

YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE... "ITTOU-RYUU" GUYS...

WAIT, WAIT... NO... ARE YOU...

THAT'S RIGHT.

OFFI-
CIAL
BUSI-
NESS.

OFFICIAL
BUSI-
NESS,
OFFICIAL
BUSI-
NESS.

OFFI-
CIAL
BUSI-
NESS.

OFFI-
CIAL
BUSI-
NESS.

YOU DIDN'T
TURN AND
RUN WHEN
YOU SAW US.
YOU HAVE
GUTS, FOR A
VILLAIN!!

TELL US WHERE YOUR FELLOW CONSPIRA-TORS ARE HIDING.

DO YOU WANT TO FACE PUN-ISHMENT ON YOUR OWN!?

IF YOU COME QUIETLY NOW, YOU CAN AVOID ANY PUNISHMENT MORE SEVERE THAN QUESTIONING AND IMPRISONMENT!!

I ONLY KILLED...

CAN BLAME ME... FOR...

THERE'S NOTHING THAT YOU...

PLEASE WAIT.

IF YOU'RE OFFICIALS OF THIS DOMAIN, THEN...

OHH! GOE HHH

WHAT'S WRONG!?

PLEASE, JUST LEAVE ME HERE.

FIND SOME WAY... TO OVER-LOOK THIS...

I DON'T HAVE... MUCH TIME.

PLEASE, JUST LET ME GO...

Y... YOU...

PLEASE...

YOU HAVE TUBER-CULOSIS !?

...THAT ISN'T SOMETHING I CAN DO UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.

I DON'T HAVE ANY TIME LEFT.

PLEASE LET ME GO.

PLEASE LET ME GO.

COME ON, STAND UP.

I'LL LET YOU LEAN ON MY SHOULDER.

PLEASE OVERLOOK THIS.

FIND SOME WAY TO LET ME GO.

BRING A ROPE.

HM !?

NO.

JUST NOW...

DID YOU NOTICE SOMETHING?

THAT WOMAN OVER THERE.

I CROSSED BLADES WITH HER JUST A SHORT WHILE AGO.

HA-BAKI.

I'M SORRY, BUT WE CAN'T DEAL WITH THAT WOMAN...

I THOUGHT THAT THE PEOPLE WE FOLLOWED WITH MITOJI UNTIL NOW WERE THE ITTOU-RYUU, BUT...

IT SEEMS THAT MAY NOT BE THE CASE.

NO, MORE IMPORTANTLY...

DANGER-OUS.

SHE'S...

IS THAT THE ITTOU-RYUU?

IF THEY WERE PUTTING ON A PRETENSE HERE...

...IM-POSSIBLE.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

MITAKE.

THEIR INFAMY SPREAD FROM TOBA TO OSAKA TO SAGA IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.

THERE'S NO PORT THAT WOULD ACCEPT THE ITTOU-RYUU.

IT WAS FOOLISH OF ME, BUT...

...THE SWORDSMAN WHO COMPLETELY WIPED OUT THE SHINGYOUTOU-RYUU RIGHT UNDER OUR NOSES.

WHEN KAGEHISA WENT TO KAGA, ON HIS RETURN TRIP,

I STILL DON'T KNOW...

THE NAME OR THE FACE OF THAT SWORDSMAN.

HAAAA
HAAAA
HAAAA
HAAAA

UH .
UHH .
WHA. .

...YES.

...PLEASE, GET OUT OF MY WAY...

D... DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT...

WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT...?

GRRR...

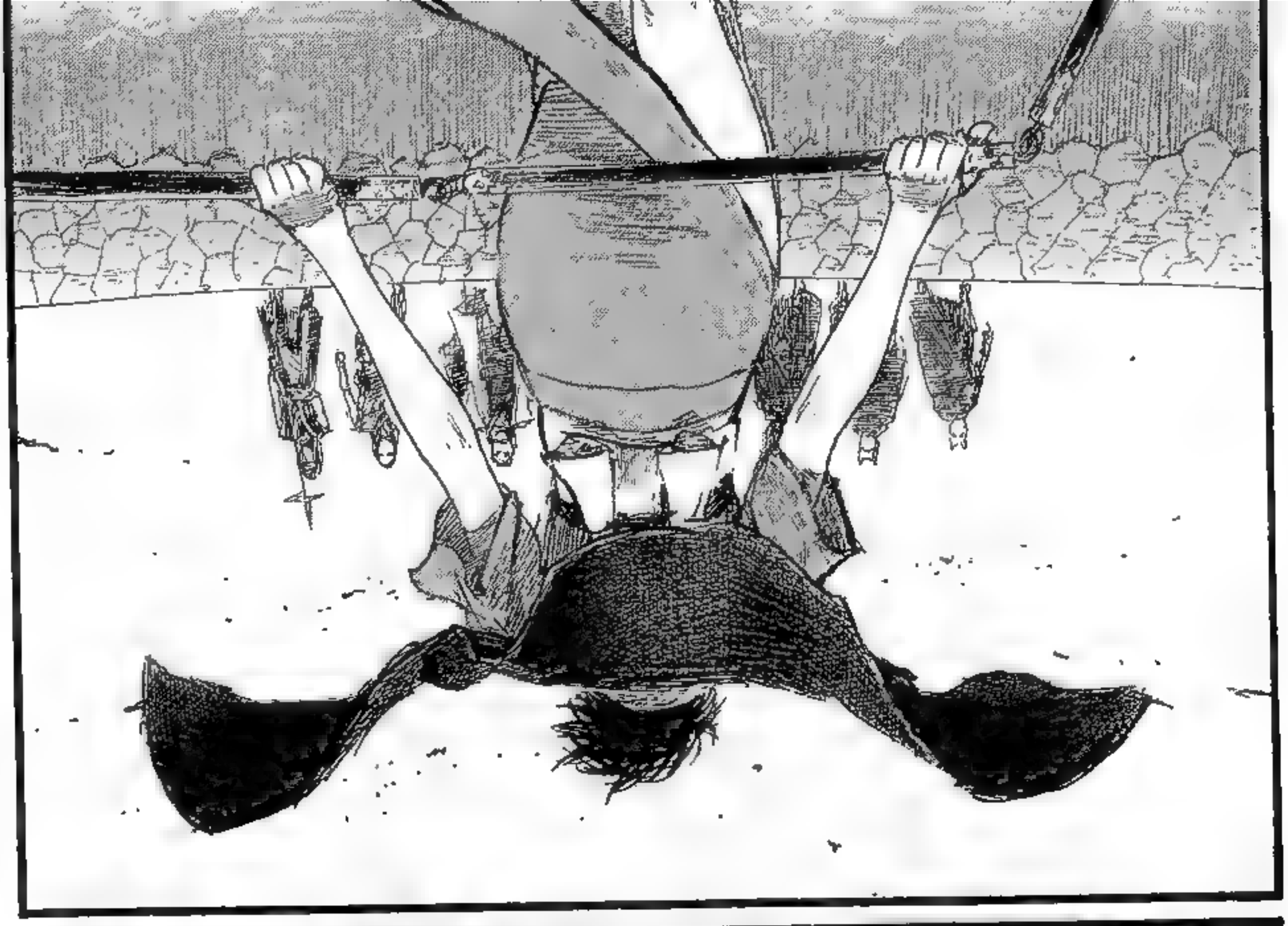
LORD MIWA...!

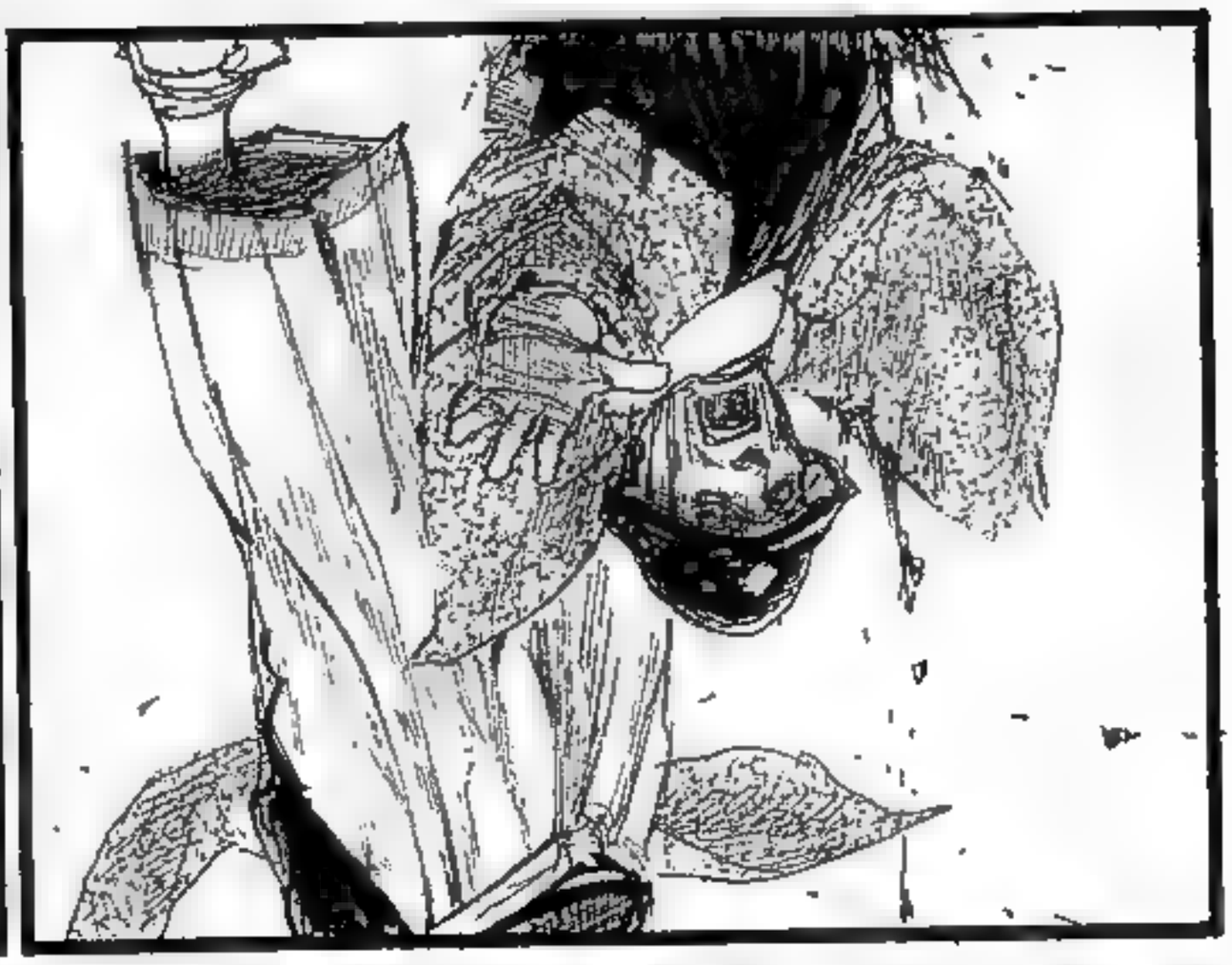
...MIH...

A...

AFTER HEERR-RRR!!

HHOOOO
HHP





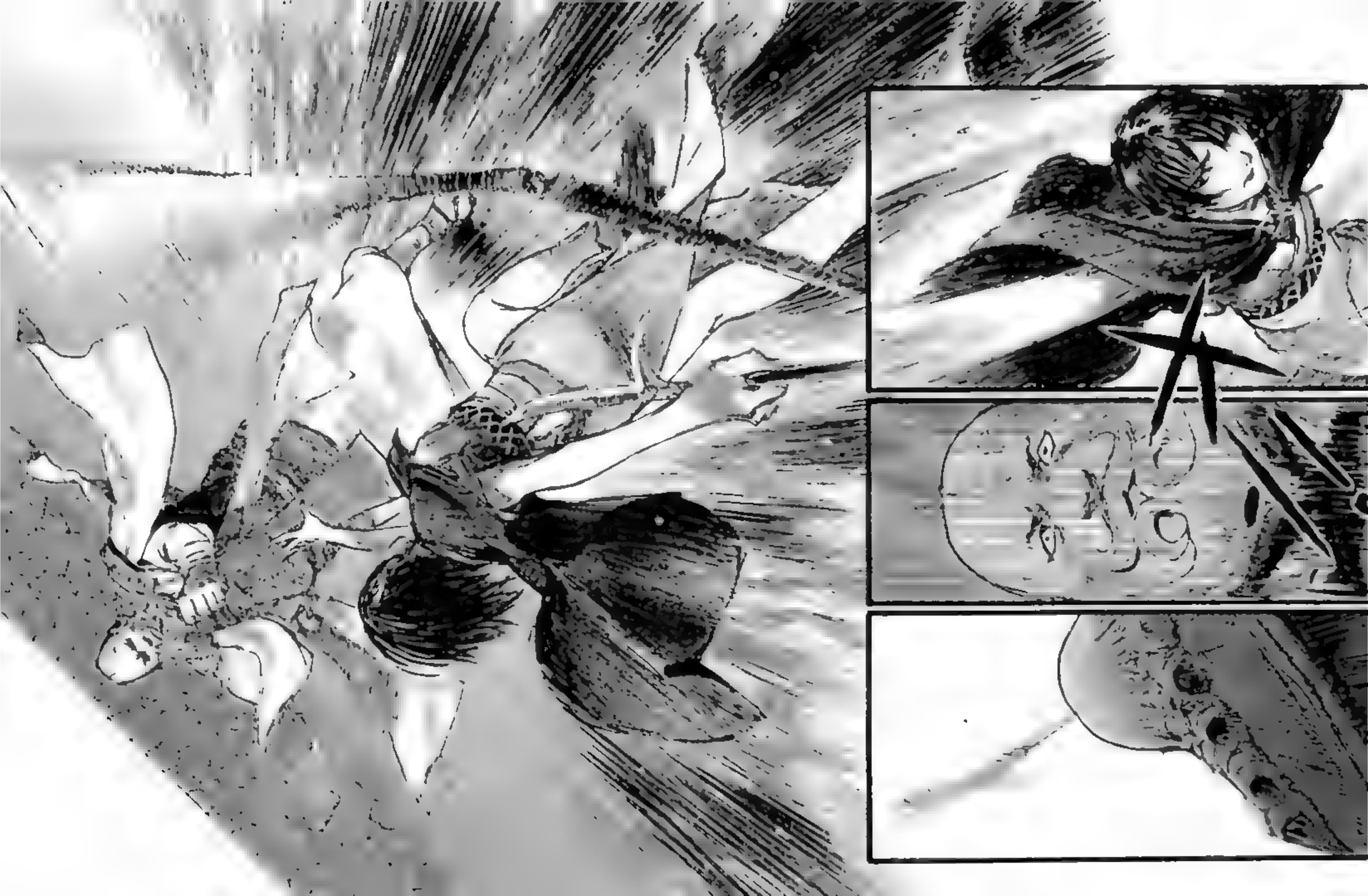
I'LL HANDLE THIS...

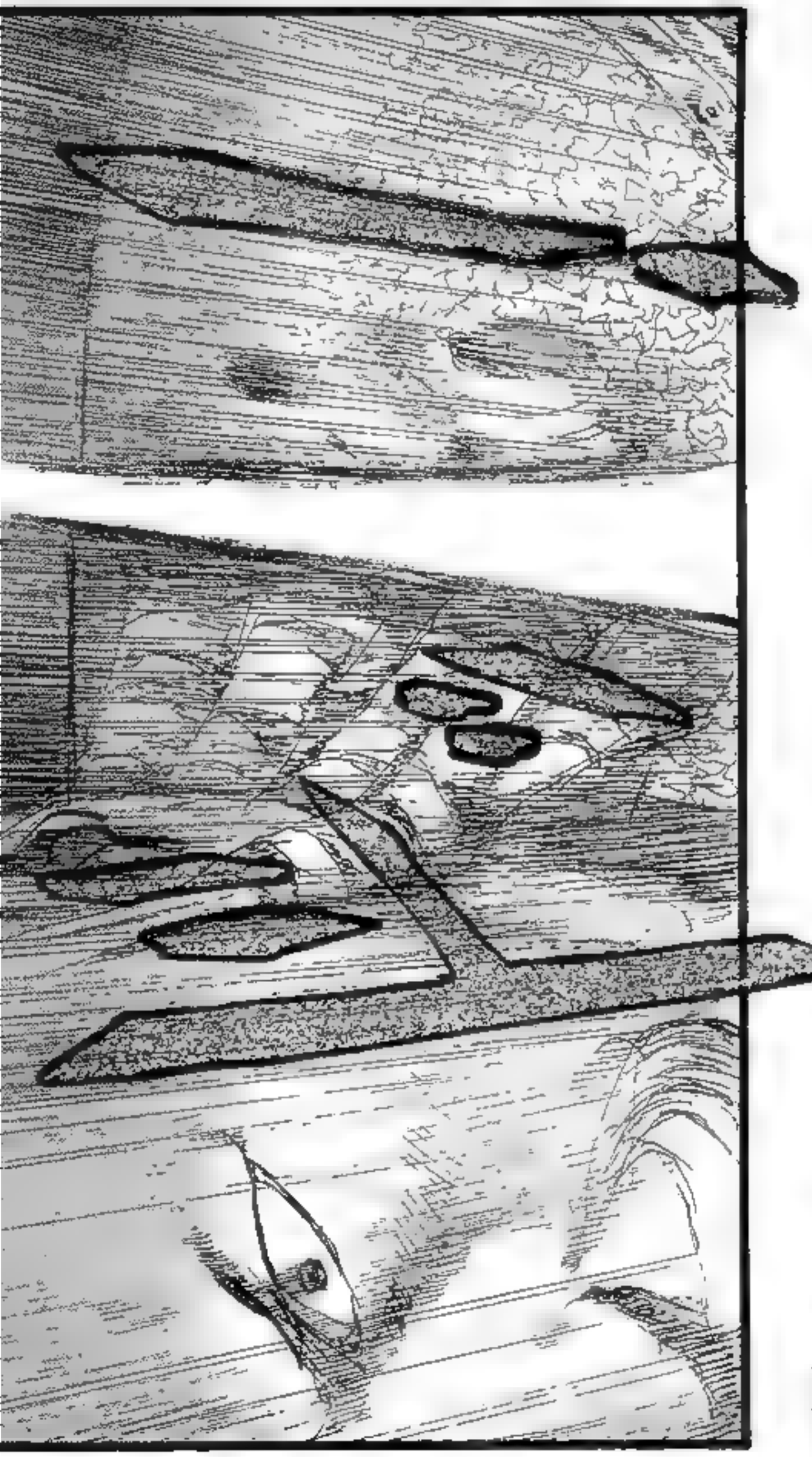
LORD HABAKI.

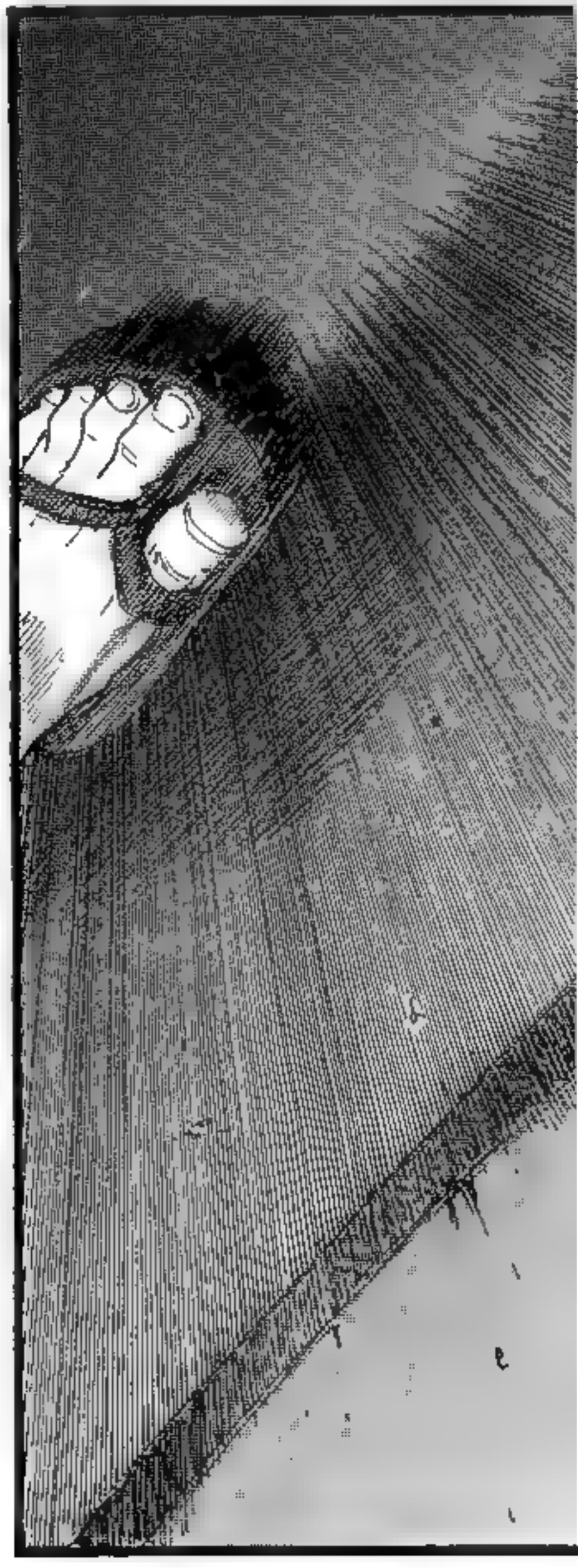
HAAH
HAAH
HAAH
HAAH

...CAN SHE EVEN SEE?

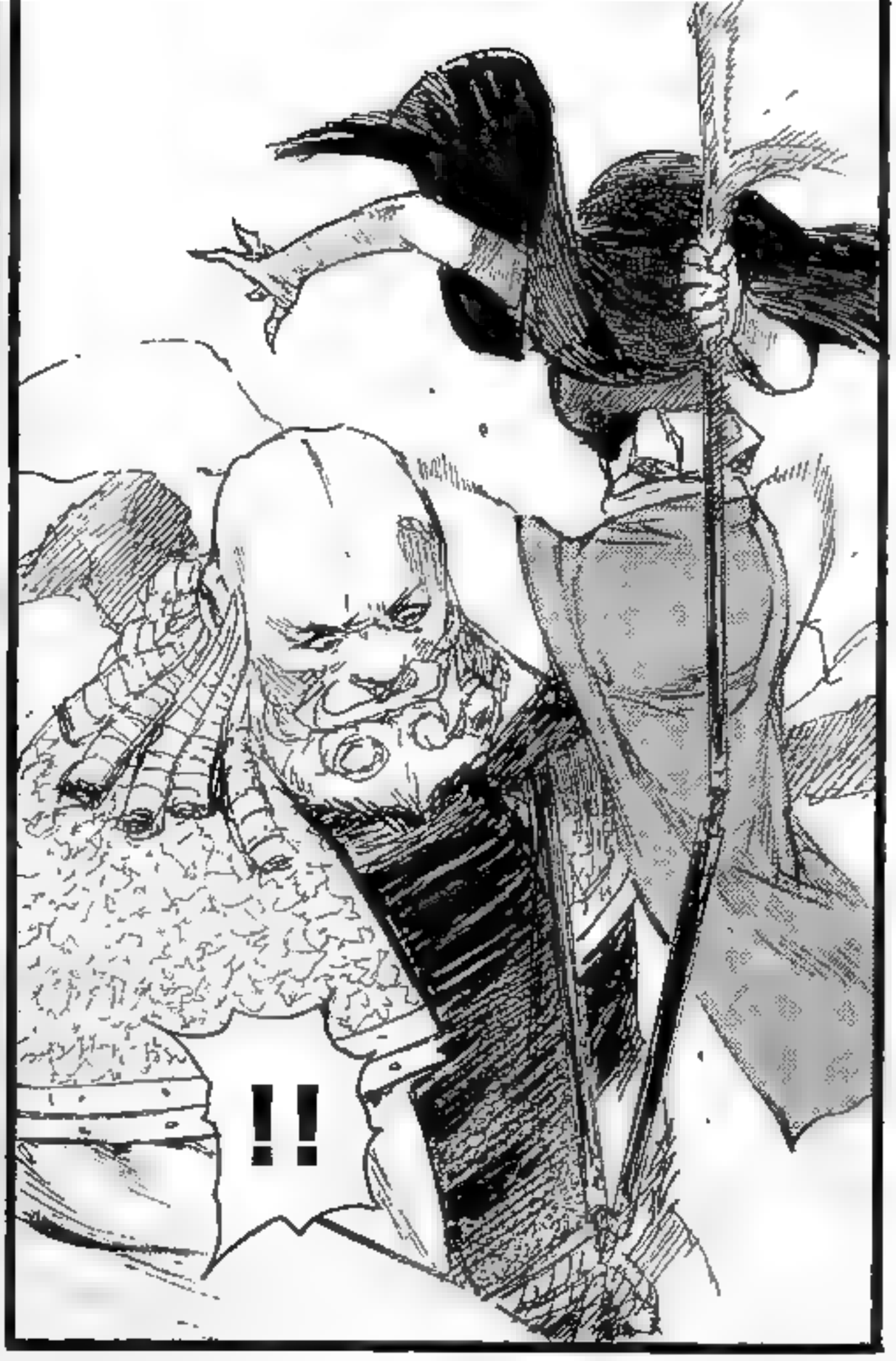
WHY WOULD SOMEONE WITH THE ADVANTAGE OF A LONGER WEAPON CLOSE THE DISTANCE ON THEIR OWN...?
ヤ ヤ ヤ

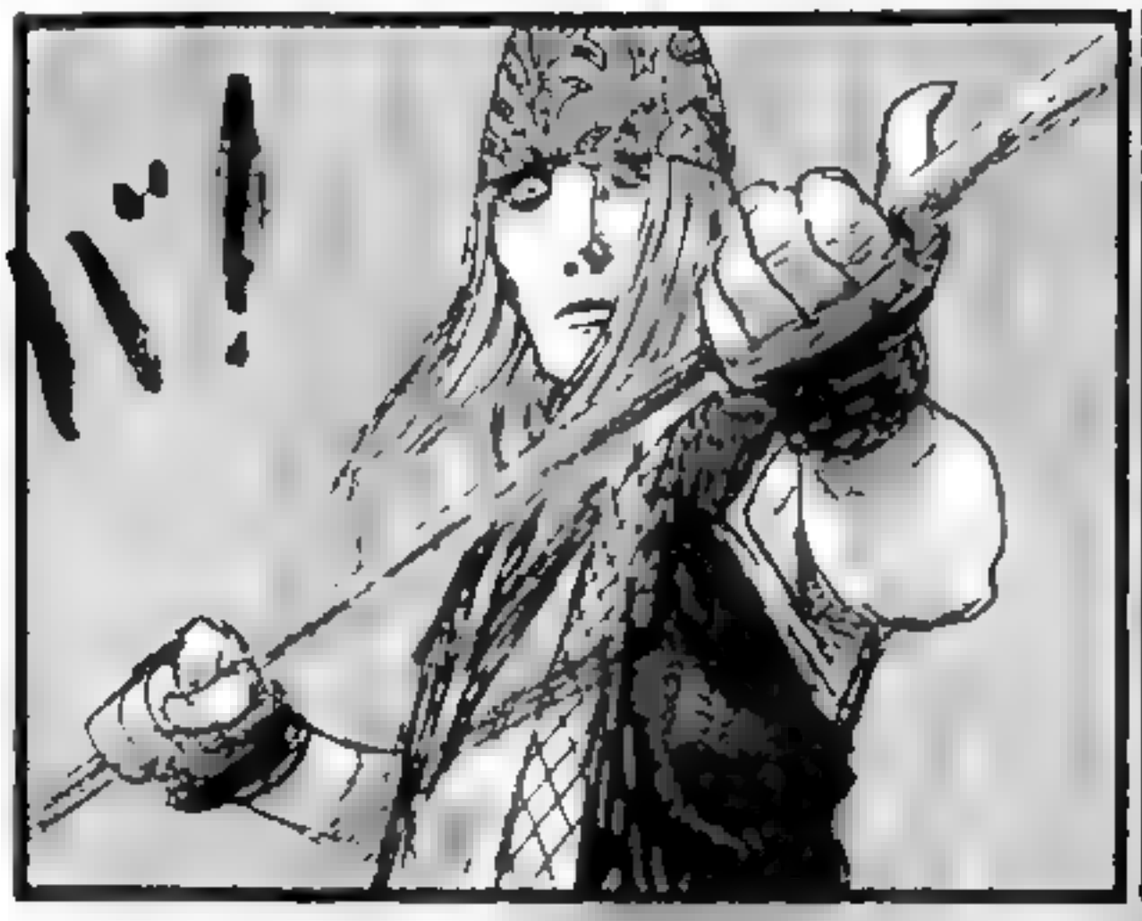






Ah!


!!



...THIS
IS BAD...

IF I MAKE ONE WRONG MOVE, THE SEVEN OF US WILL DIE HERE.

7.

……!?

ハッ…!

...IT SEEMS THAT THE HEAVENS HAVE COME TO MY AID THIS TIME.

フウ…

WHAT ?

TO DRIVE THAT MAN AWAY !

I SEE

IN THAT CONDITION YOU INTENDED

AREN'T YOU GOING TO KILL HER?

...HM? WHAT IS IT?

I WAS GOING TO AIM FOR THE MOMENT YOU SWUNG DOWNWARD.

AAHHH, THAT'S DISAP-POINTING!

The 188th Chapter | End

❖The 189th Chapter❖

A Crowd of Spirits

WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE TO YOU?

NOW, YOU GUYS...

BY THE WAY... A LONG TIME AGO, THERE WAS A JOKE OF A SWORDSMAN WHO USED THESE TO BISECT PEOPLE.

NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, IT'S A SHURIKEN, RIGHT?

I'VE CARRIED IT AROUND FOR A LONG TIME, BUT I'M STILL NOT ABLE TO IMMITATE HIM.

THOSE ITTOU-RYUU GUYS ARE LIKE A WALKING JOKE...

HEY, HEY, HEY.

REALLY NOW...

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?

HOW TROUBLE-SOME...

...I SUPPOSE THERE'S NO WAY I CAN AVOID THIS?

I DON'T THINK I'VE DONE ANYTHING WRONG... KAH HA HA HA HA!

BUT, IF THAT HOLE IN YOUR LEFT EYE HAS HEALED UP, THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS.

YOU REALLY HURT ME, TALKING LIKE THAT.

KILLING AS AN OFFERING TO MURDERED PRISONERS... RIGHT, MY LORD?

MAYBE YOU COULD HAVE AVOIDED IT, BUT YOU DIDN'T, JUST TO BE NICE?

OR ELSE...

I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU FOR A WHILE.

YOU'RE THE TWO FROM THAT TIME...

I GUESS THIS TIME IT'S NOT A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

REALLY YOU GUYS

YOU LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE SWIMMING IN FRONT OF THAT WOMAN

ACTING LIKE THIS WITH SUCH AN EASY [illegible]

YOU'RE "SMALL FRY" ALL THE WAY TO YOUR CORE

KA

AHHH

!!

!!

SCARY

KAH HA HA HA HAH!

...OUCH...

HA HA
HA HA...

IN THAT INSTANT... YOU MADE... THREE ATTACKS...

DAMN MONSTER ...

... AS EXPECTED...

THAT HAIRPIN WASN'T JUST A FLUKE.

I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN SUCH A MESS SINCE THE TIME WE FIRST MET.

YO...

WHAT A PAIN.

IF HE'S HERE... I HAVE BUSINESS WITH HIM.

.....

BY THE WAY, HOW'S KAGEHISA DOING?

I HAVE A STRANGE FEELING THAT HE GOT HERE BEFORE I DID...

AND I WAS PLANNING TO STEP IN FOR YOU, TOO...

.....?

オオーク

ごくん！

ん！

...AREN'T YOU AFRAID OF TUBERCU-LOSIS...?

FOR ME, IT'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF.

JUST NOW...

I BROKE UP SOME MEDICINE I GOT FROM A BEAST I MET ON MY TRAVELS AND MIXED IT IN.

IT'S CALLED—

IN THE WATER, THERE WAS SOME—

ASAEMON GAN.

YOU'RE MORE IMPORTANT THAN SOME DEAD GUY.

YEAH, HUMAN LIVER.

BUT, WHAT DOES THAT MATTER?

...HUMAN LIVER...

IT'S MY LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT YOU.

WHEN-EVER I SEE YOU

YOUR EYES LOOK AS IF YOU DON'T CARE WHEN YOU DIE.

THEY'RE THE MOST TROUBLESOME IDIOTS.

PEOPLE WITH WEAK WILLS TO LIVE SHOULDN'T TAKE UP SWORDS AND KILL OTHER PEOPLE.

ザッ

ザッ

ザッ

...WHY... DID YOU...?

I DIDN'T DO IT OUT OF A SENSE OF DUTY... I JUST SAW YOU LYING THERE HALF-DEAD.

I DIDN'T REALLY HAVE ANY RESON TO SAVE YOU.

I'VE GOT A VERY DIFFERENT FEELING ABOUT YOU THAN I DO ABOUT THE REST OF THE ITTOU-RYUU

WAS BEING REALLY LOUD, TELLING ME TO GO SAVE YOU

WELL, THAT KID

...THANK GOOD-NESS.

HE MADE IT IN TIME...

PLEASE STOP, MR. GIICHI.

SHE'S ANOTSU KAGEHISA'S... UM... HOW SHOULD I PUT IT...?

THAT WOMAN IS CALLED MS. MAKIE.

WHEN A MAN AND A WOMAN...

BUT... ISN'T IT A PROBLEM TO HAVE THAT WOMAN AROUND?

THE REAL REASON WE CAME HERE IS TO KILL THE ITTOU-RYUU, AFTER ALL.

EVEN IF MANJI LENDS HER HIS CHAIN AND SICKLE, I'M NOT SURE SHE WON'T ATTACK HIM...

WELL...

IF ANOTSU KAGEHISA JOINS THEM DOWN THERE, I REALLY WON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.

THE HABAKI KAGIMURA I KNOW COULDN'T BE INTIMIDATED BY THAT.

IT'S STILL TOO SOON TO TELL.

EVEN IF SHE SAYS SHE'S JOINED MANJI,

EVEN IF YOU GO DOWN THERE, WHAT WILL YOU DO?

...IF THAT'S NOT ENOUGH, WHY DON'T YOU JUST STAY HERE AND WAIT?

HUH!? WAI... WAIT A MINUTE.

I'M GOING DOWN THERE.

MS. HYA-KURIN.

EVEN THOUGH I'VE BEEN SAVED BY MR. MANJI COUNTLESS TIMES UNTIL NOW...

TODAY...

I'VE SAVED HIM MANY TIMES AS WELL.

IF I CAN DO IT, I THINK WE CAN END THINGS!

WHAT IS THAT GIRL TALKING ABOUT?

I'M GOING.

SHE'S THAT KIND OF GIRL.

...SHE'S TRYING TO GIVE MANJI A PROPER PLACE TO DIE.

TALKING ABOUT SAVING SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T NEED SAVING.

I GUESS SHE'S WORRIED ABOUT MANJI AFTER ALL.

IT SEEMS LIKE SHE MISUNDERSTANDS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A BODYGUARD AND HIS EMPLOYER.

OF COURSE, SHE'S DIVING INTO THAT DEATH HERSELF AS WELL.

JUST NOW... I DOUBT YOU'D SAY THAT IF YOU'D BEEN LOOKING AT HER FACE DURING THAT "MOUTH TO MOUTH FEEDING".

YOU CALL IT A MISUNDER-STANDING, BUT AREN'T YOU FORGETTING SOMETHING?

I FEEL LIKE A CHANGE MIGHT BE COMING.

THEY'RE JUST LIKE AN OLDER BROTHER AND YOUNGER SISTER, BUT...

ッスウウ

ウウウ..

ハアアア..

SEX BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN.

...WHAT DID YOU JUST DO?

DON'T GET ANGRY.
YOU SEE... THIS STUFF IS NORMALLY RIDICULOUSLY EXPENSIVE...

I WAS ABLE TO GET MY HANDS ON IT RIDICULOUSLY CHEAP.

BUT, THANKS TO SOME DEAD GUY UNDERGROUND...

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AWAY FOR? ...HEY!!

WAIT A SE-COND...

HM
I?

WHA...

?

WHAT'S THAT FLEET DOING HERE...?

The 189th Chapter End

❖The 190th Chapter❖

Firing Wildly at the Sky

WAH-
WAA-
HHH...

...OOWWWW...

...HUH?

KUU-HHH ...!

tt!

THAT'S STRANGE... WHAT'S EVERYONE DOING?

THEY'RE ALL LOOKING OUT TO SEA...?

ヤ" ヤ" ヤ"

MERCHANT VESSELS...? I'VE NEVER SEEN SHIPS LIKE THAT BEFORE...

サ" サ" サ"...

A LITTLE WHILE AGO, ME AND TARIESHIN...

THOSE... PROBABLY AREN'T MERCHANT SHIPS.

?

HA-BAKI!

THOSE SHIPS ARE...

?

!?
WAIT.

WHA...?

110

110

110

①

②

③

AHHHHHHHH!!

④

AH!-
EEE-
AHHH-
HHH!

⑤

OW...!

EVERY-ONE, RUN FOR THE SHORE.

...THIS WAY OF DOING THINGS...

MR. MANJI!

?

YEAH!?

HUH? THEN...

OW, THAT HURTS!

I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING.

DID YOU CALL ME JUST NOW!?

...HUH?

M... MR. MANJI.

カタン

HAHH ...

HAHH ...

HUHH!? WHERE ARE YOU ALL GOING...?

HE... HEY.

!

WAAA
HHHH

HIH!

WHAT... WHAT'S GOING ON!?

WA... WAIT.

BU-HEH!

AAAHHH

...STAND UP QUICKLY.

107

WAH...

...? ARE YOUR LEGS INJURED?

AH... AH... AN...

THEY'VE BEEN ORDERED TO KEEP FIRING UNTIL THE PEOPLE ON SHORE, THE CREWS OF SHIPS UNLOADING CARGO, AND ANYONE ELSE IN THE AREA EXCEPT FOR ME IS WIPED OUT.

SPLIT UP WITH THEM AND COME WITH ME.

...IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER.

SORRY... COULD YOU BE A LITTLE MORE CAREFUL?

NUO-WAHI

At least tell me when you're going to do it!

MR. MANJI...

MAKIE...

WHY DID YOU COME DOWN HERE, YOU IDIOT?

AH! RIN, YOU...

—KAGE-HISA.

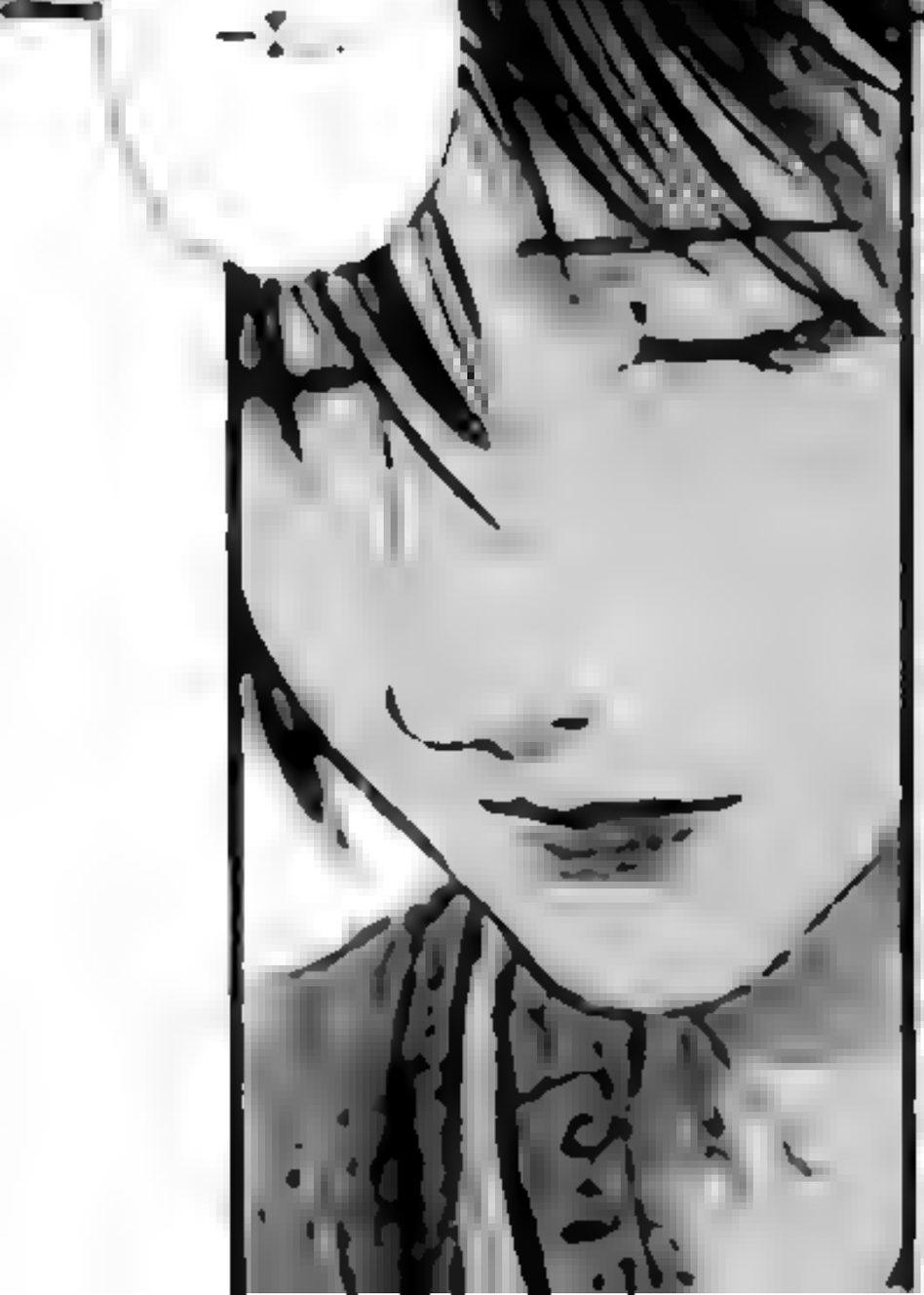
HAAHHH... HUH?

I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE SUWA, HUNDRED-MAN-SLAYER.

Were you talking to me just now.?

AAHHH... OHH...

AAHHH... HUH!?



—MY DEAR ..

WHAT WEIRD CURSE AFFECTS A WOMAN ALL THE WAY TO SU-FUMIWA
I HAVE NO REASON TO CRITICIZE SOMEONE

I FINALLY UNDERSTAND.

EVEN THOUGH I'VE RUN AWAY FROM YOU

MANY, MANY TIMES UNTIL NOW...

...AS LONG AS YOU UNDERSTAND, IT'S FINE.

IT'S REALLY IRRITATING... TO HAVE SOMEONE RUN AWAY FROM YOU.

KAGE-HISAA-HHH!!

ANO-TSU

THIS IS LORD HABAKI.

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING UNTIL NOW?

THAT'S AN OUTRAGEOUS THING TO SAY TO SOMEONE YOU HAVEN'T COME TO SEE IN SUCH A LONG TIME.

SO I REALLY COULDN'T DO MUCH OF ANYTHING.

ALONG THE WAY, YOU HAD YOUR SUBORDINATES KILL ALL THE HORSES WE HAD HIRED.

WHAT ARE THOSE SHIPS?

.....

TWO MEN TO EACH SHIP... WE DIVIDED THE SIXTEEN OF US AMONG EIGHT SHIPS.

THEY'RE THE SHIPS WE BOARDED IN HAKONE, OF COURSE.

AT THE SAME TIME... EVEN IF YOU WEREN'T PREPARED FOR EIGHT SHIPS

EVEN IF YOU EXPECTED A SHIP, THE CHANCE OF US BEING WIPED OUT DECREASES.

IF WE SPLIT UP LIKE THIS

EIGHT SHIPS...

YOU WOULD HAVE FINISHED SEARCHING NAKAMINATO AND BE HEADED THERE AS WELL...

THE PROBLEM WAS MYSELF AND THE THREE WITH ME... THE "EDO CASTLE ASSAULT GROUP". BEFORE WE COULD LINK UP WITH OUR COMRADES IN HITACHI...

YOU WERE PREPARED FOR US TO DISEMBARK AND MEET UP AT THE PORT OF HITACHI.

BECAUSE OF THE HIGHWAY AND THE SCALE OF THE PORT, I WAS SURE YOU WOULD SEARCH HERE FIRST.

AND MEET UP WITH THE FOUR ARRIVING LATE. THAT WAS THE IDEA, ANYWAY.

WHILE YOU HURRIED OVERLAND TO HITACHI, THE TWENTY MEMBERS OF THE ITTOU-RYUU WOULD MAKE FOR NAKAMINATO BY SEA...

IF IT LEFT IN A HURRY FOR HITACHI WHILE YOUR SEARCH WAS IN FULL SWING, YOU WOULD HAVE REALIZED THE ITTOU-RYUU WAS CENTERED THERE.

ONE SHIP FILLED WITH OUR COMRADES REMAINED IN THE HARBOR HERE, BUT...

WAS ASSUMING THAT MY COMPANIONS SURVIVED...

ALL OF THAT...

WELL... THERE'S REALLY NO POINT IN DISCUSSING WHAT I INTENDED TO DO IN SO MUCH DETAIL.

THIS WILL BE THE END FOR US.

HABAKI KAGIMURA.

The 190th Chapter End

The 181st Chapter

Nirvana

THIS WILL BE THE END FOR YOU AND ME.

HABAKI KAGIMURA.

YOU COULD HAVE JUST ESCAPED TO HITACHI BY BOAT ON YOUR OWN.

HOW FOOLISH... IF YOU KNEW THAT YOUR COMRADES HAD BEEN KILLED,

EVEN IF YOU HAVE THEM ALL LINED UP AND IN ORDER,

STILL... EIGHT SHIPS?

GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY TO COME HERE...

FOR GOING TO LINK UP WITH MY GRANDFATHER.

THOSE SHIPS ARE...

IT'S A BIT EMBARASS-ING, BUT I DON'T HAVE THE POWER TO DO IT ON MY OWN.

WHAT CAN YOU POSSIBLY DO WITH JUST THAT MANY?

EVEN IF THEY'RE A BIT DIFFERENT FROM NORMAL BEZAIS...

WHAT!?

?

OH... SO YOU KNOW ABOUT MY GRANDFATHER.

THEN, THOSE SHIPS ARE...!

YOU BASTARD...

I SEE...

THEN, FROM THE BEGINNING, YOU NEVER INTENDED TO GO TO SATSUMA...!?

!?

REGARDLESS OF APPEARANCES, WE REALLY WERE PLANNING TO FLEE.

LORD HABAKI...

THE REBIRTH OF THE SWORD... WE WERE UNABLE TO CAUSE THE REBIRTH OF THE SAMURAI CODE.

AFTER ALL, THE ITTOU-RYUU IS...

IF A DISTURBANCE WHICH THREATENS THIS ENTIRE COUNTRY WERE TO OCCUR, ANOTHER GROUP LIKE US WILL CERTAINLY ARISE.

BUT, THERE IS AN EVEN GREATER THREAT THAN THAT...

BEFORE LONG, PEOPLE WILL PROBABLY FORGET ALL ABOUT US.

BEFORE LONG, A THREAT WILL APPEAR... THAT IS WHAT I THINK.

WHEREVER WE EVENTUALLY END UP, WE'LL BUILD A TOWN AND RAISE CHILDREN. WE WILL TEACH THOSE CHILDREN THE WAY OF THE LANCE.

WE'LL RUN AND KEEP RUNNING.

HABAKI KAGI-MURA.

BUT IT APPEARS THAT I'VE LEFT SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS IN THIS LAND.

THE RINGLEADER OF THE GROUP THAT CAUSED A PANIC BY ASSAULTING EDO CASTLE WHILE I WAS GONE...

HOW DARE YOU SPEAK OF YOURSELF AS IF YOU WERE A VICTIM.

YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE I'VE COME TO KILL TODAY.

WE ARE NOT SIMPLY A GROUP OF EXTREMISTS ATTEMPTING TO TAKE OUT OUR PENT-UP RESENTMENT BY PUNISHING THE GOVERNMENT.

BUT, LORD HATTORI...

NO ONE HAS HAD THE RIGHT TO PUNISH OTHERS FOR THEIR CRIMES.

NO... FROM THE BEGINNING

HE WAS PURSUED BY HIS OWN SUPERIORS AS WELL AS THE AUTHORITIES... ALL IN ALL, HE CUT DOWN MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED OF THEM.

THAT MAN, MANJI...

USING MANJI'S BODY AS THEIR FOUNDATION, THE SHOGUNATE GOVERN-MENT SACRIFICED HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE IN IMMORTALITY EXPERIMENTS UNDERNEATH EDO CASTLE.

AT EDO CASTLE, WE OF THE ITTOU-RYUU TURNED MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED MEMBERS OF THE SHOGUNATE GOV-ERNMENT INTO A MOUNTAIN OF CORPSES.

THOSE WHO PUNISH MURDERERS BECOME MURDERERS THEM-SELVES.

WE ARE ALREADY IN THE NIRVANA OF GOOD AND EVIL— AM I WRONG?

YOU SHOULD HAVE JUST REMAINED SILENT AND BOWED YOUR HEADS.

IT IS THE STATE WHICH DECIDES WHETHER A PERSON IS GOOD OR EVIL.

...YOU'RE WRONG.

!

ARA-SHINO!

KILL THE HUNDRED-MAN-SLAYER AND THE GIRL WITH THE BRAIDS!

.....

HMM.

KILLING A HUNDRED MEN, AS WELL AS YOUR OWN SUPERIORS... THOSE OVERWHELMING CRIMES ARE MORE THAN ENOUGH.

YOU WILL BE EXE-CUTED!

ON TOP OF THAT YOU STAND BEFORE US SELF-RIGHTEOUS IN YOUR IMMORTALITY. THIS CANNOT BE PERMITTED.

TOGETHER WITH YOUR COMRADES, YOU INVADED EDO CASTLE AND CUT DOWN COUNTLESS DEFENSELESS SOLDIERS.

A TRULY PREPOSTER-OUS CRIME! YOU WILL BE EXECUTED!

YOU USED GUNPOWDER TO BREACH THE MOAT AND ENTERED THE COMPOUND OF THE SHOGUN'S FAMILY, CONDUCTING YOURSELF IN A TROUBLESOME MANNER.

MITAKE! DOMA! TARIESHIN!

!!

COOPERATE WITH THE SNAKE GROUP TO KILL THAT WOMAN!

ズズズ

IF THAT IS YOUR ORDER...

TRULY, YOU CAN BE CALLED NOTHING BUT A MAN-EATING FIEND.

YOU ASSISTED THE ITTOU-RYUU, TURNED YOUR SWORD AGAINST THE SHOGUNATE, AND INSOLENTLY CUT DOWN TEN LOCAL GUARDS IN AN INSTANT.

YOU WILL BE EXE-CUTED!

HE TALKS A LOT FOR SOME-ONE WHO'S PLAYING INNOCENT HIMSELF.

ANOTSU KAGE-HISA.

AND FINALLY...

YOU ARE THE LEADER OF THE ITTOU-RYUU.

I WILL PUT MY ENTIRE SOUL INTO EXECUTING YOU!

FOR THAT ALONE YOU DESERVE TEN THOUSAND DEATHS.

VERY WELL... COME AND DO IT IF YOU CAN.

パーン!

...MANJI.

LIVE THROUGH THIS.

THERE ARE A MOUNTAIN OF QUESTIONS I WANT TO ASK YOU.

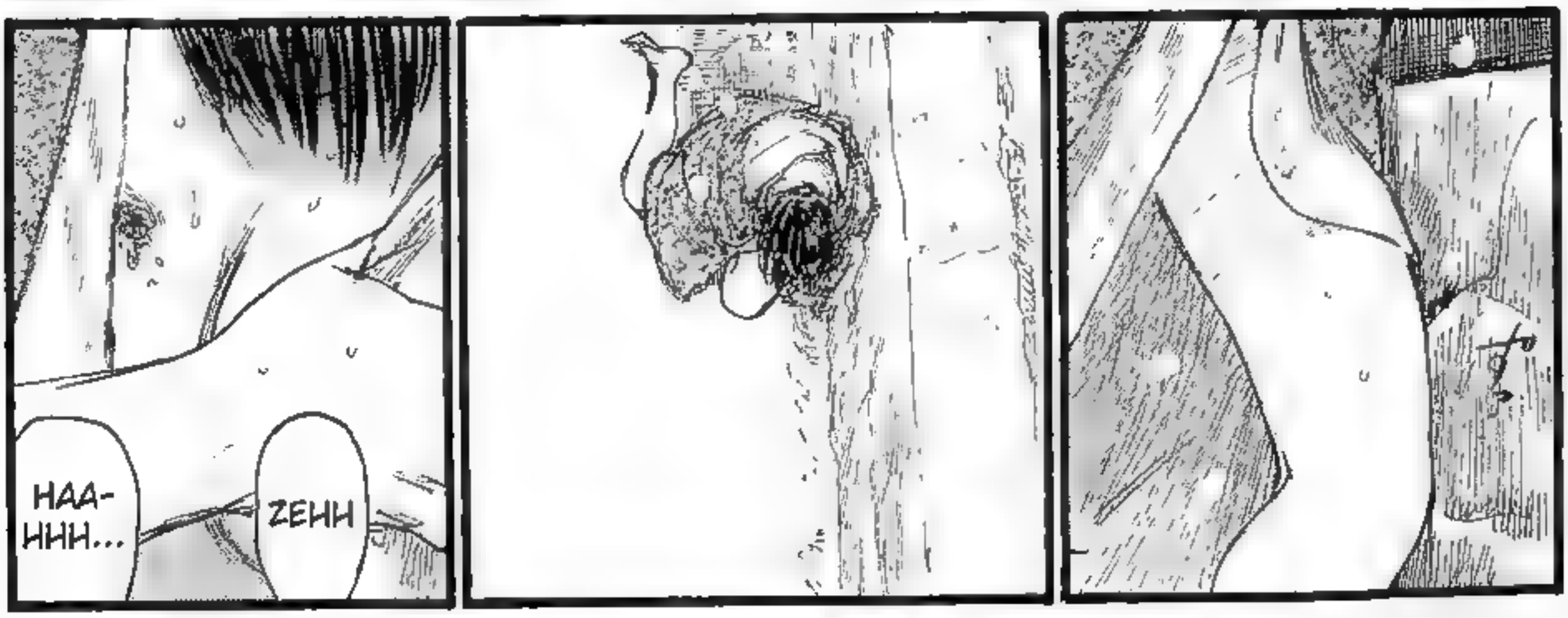
...YOU SMUG BASTARD.

IT'S YOURSELF YOU SHOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT.

BEFORE LONG, SNOW SCAT-TERS AND DANCES ACROSS THE BATTLE-FIELD.

HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH

HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH


HAA-HHH...
ZEHH

FATHER...
FATHER...

HAAH

HA...
AH...

HAA-
HHH...

UH...

...HEY.

...ARE YOU OKAY?

!?
YOU!
ARE...

.....

...PLEASE...
GO AWAY.

I CAN'T...
ACCEPT...
YOUR
MERCY.

...IS
THAT SO?

SEE
YA.

YOUR ARM...

HM? YEAH.

...YOU ARE WOUNDED... AS WELL...

...SHE HAS A TERRIBLE FEVER.

JUST CARRYING ONE WOMAN IS NO PROBLEM, THOUGH.

WHAT WAS THAT?

...TAITO.

...LORD MAGAT-SU...

...I WANT TO... BECOME STRONGER...

TEACH ME THE SWORD...

IF WE BOTH... LIVE THROUGH THIS... PLEASE...

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.

EITHER YOU'LL BE RUINED, OR I WILL BE... IS THAT THE KIND OF JOURNEY THIS IS?

...IS IT BECAUSE OF THE FEVER?

THEN,

YOU SHOULD MAKE A FRESH START...

HEH HEH... THAT'S RIGHT...

BUT I...

SPOKE IMPROP-ERLY...

HERE TOO?

!?

CAN I CUT H'M WITH MY SWORD!? TH'S BALD-HEADED MONSTER...

JUST WHERE ON H'S BODY...

WHAT IS THAT MAN...?

WHA...

.....

CAN I AIM...?

JUST WHERE...

JUST NOW, MR. MANJI CUT HIM (ONE-SIDEDLY, FOR A CHANGE), BUT...

EVEN THOUGH HE STABBED HIM, HE WASN'T CUT!?

IN THAT CASE...

...HIS HEAD!...

ENDURE THIS, FEET...

!!

"ONE ON ONE" WAS JUST THE ITTOU-RYUU'S WAY OF DOING THINGS.

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT

...OHH, THAT'S RIGHT!

?

BUT... WHY WOULD A LITTLE GIRL LIKE THIS WANT TO BE CRUSHED BY ME?

Blade of the Immortal
Volume 28

End

『無限の住人』第28巻は「アフタヌーン」'11年2月号から6月号、9月号に掲載された作品を収録しました。

編集部では、この作品に対する皆様のご意見・ご感想をお待ちしております。また、「アフタヌーンKC」にまとめてほしい作品がありましたら、編集部までお知らせください。

〈あて先〉
〒一一二―八〇〇一
東京都文京区音羽二―一二―二一
講談社 アフタヌーン編集部
「アフタヌーンKC」係

なお、お送りいただいたお手紙・おハガキは、ご記入いただいた個人情報を含めて著者にお渡しすることがありますので、あらかじめご了解のうえ、お送りください。

●この作品はフィクションです。実在の人物、団体名等とは関係ありません。

アフタヌーンKC 775

無限の住人 28

二〇一一年十月二十一日 第一刷発行 （定価はカバーに表示してあります。）

著者 沙村広明
©Hiroaki Samura 2011
発行者 清水保雅
発行所 株式会社 講談社
〒一一二―八〇〇一 東京都文京区音羽二―一二―二一
電話 編集部 東京 〇三―五三九五―三四六三
販売部 東京 〇三―五三九五―三六〇八
業務部 東京 〇三―五三九五―三六〇三
印刷所 株式会社廣済堂
本文製版所 豊国印刷株式会社
製本所 株式会社フォーネット社

講談社

●本書のコピー、スキャン、デジタル化等の無断複製は著作権法上での例外を除き禁じられています。本書を代行業者等の第三者に依頼してスキャンやデジタル化することはたとえ個人や家庭内の利用でも著作権法違反です。
●落丁本・乱丁本は購入書店名をご明記のうえ、小社業務部宛にお送りください。送料小社負担にてお取り替えいたします。なお、この本についてのお問い合わせはアフタヌーン編集部宛にお願いいたします。

N.D.C.726 206p 19cm Printed in Japan ISBN978-4-06-310775-3

アフタヌーンKC
講談社